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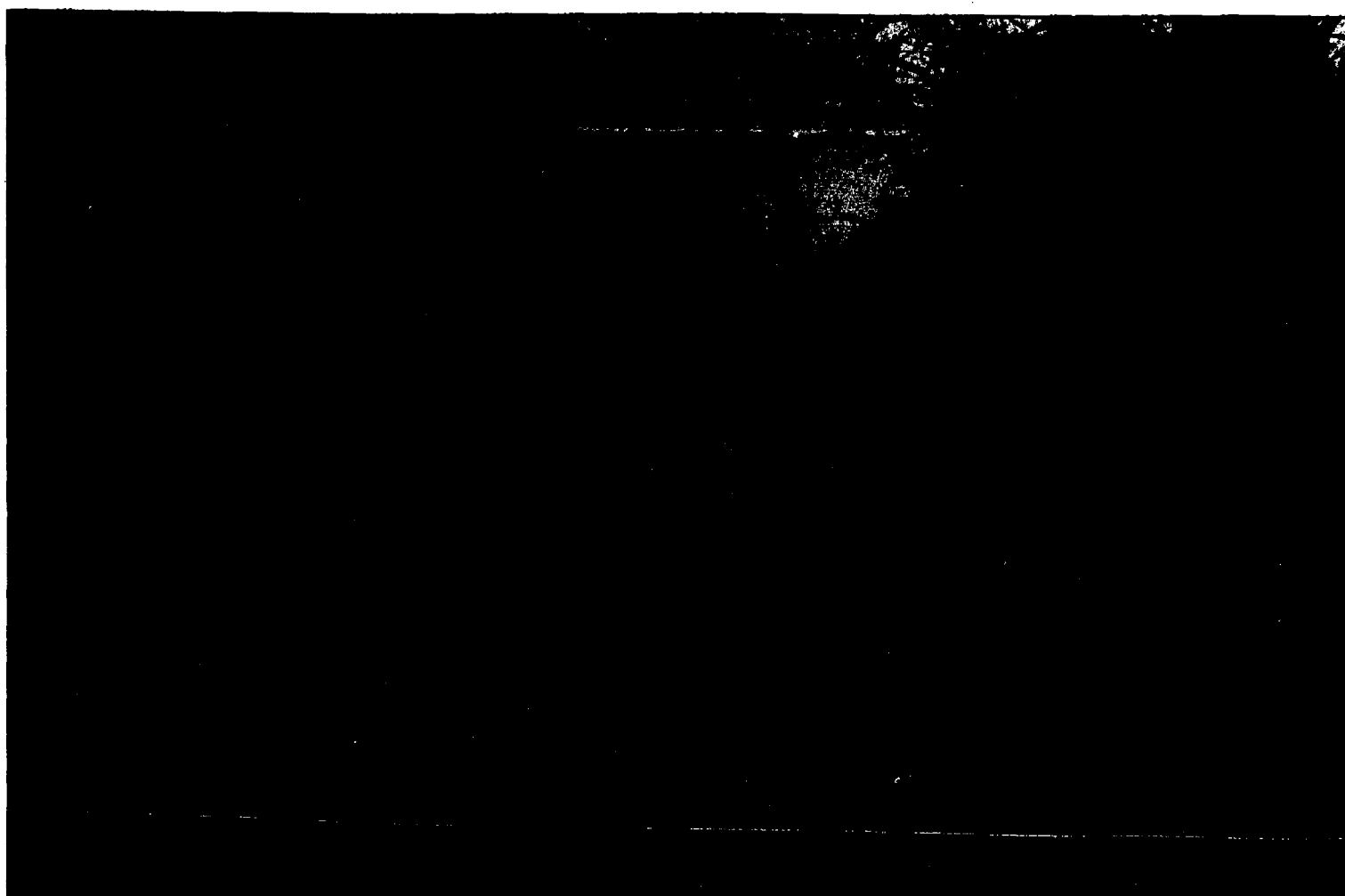


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

The Grayling area escaped the brunt of the year's first forecasted winter storm, but Mother Nature left behind this snowy landscape on the AuSable River near the city park. Colder temperatures and additional snowfall in the form of lake effect events are expected throughout the week, making winter sports enthusiasts happy indeed. Snowmobilers have been arriving in town since Christmas weekend, looking for the white stuff. Now, it looks like its here to stay.

## Generosity makes toy drive a success

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Crawford County kids were treated well during the 1999 Christmas season, thanks to a very successful Toys for Tots campaign.

"The response was unbelievable," said Marianne Gosnell, Coordinator for the local campaign two years running.

Gosnell said over 120 families were served this past Christmas. About 350 local children -- from infants to teenagers -- received, on average, three toys or age appropriate gifts.

Local businesses donated toys, including a lot of stuffed animals. Gosnell said this allowed her to give every child that asked Santa for a stuffed animal to receive one. And, she added, "Every little boy who wanted a toy car or truck, got one this year."

At least six boxes were stationed around the Grayling area for the toy drive. Some groups, such as county employees and a local real estate office, created and filled their own boxes, then turned the donations over to Gosnell, who worked closely with Crawford County

Community Christian Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder to see to their distribution. Gosnell said she hopes to place at least one box in Frederic and more in other areas of the county during the next campaign.

Anyone thinking of helping next Christmas may want to focus on gifts for infants and for the pre-teen and teen recipients. "We tend to overlook these age groups when thinking of Toys for Tots," Gosnell commented. "There are many local teens who are in need of a gift or two."

The vast majority of the toys were distributed by December 17, but Gosnell said she and Schroeder fulfilled the needs of four families who came to the help center for assistance on Christmas Eve. "We were open 'just in case' on Christmas Eve," she said, "and we were happy to be able to give them what they needed to make their Christmas special."

Many parents who came to the Help Center were very emotional, but pleased when they learned that they could choose what gifts their kids would receive. "We wanted the

parents to be a part of the giving," said Gosnell. "We could give them a choice this year of different types of dolls pre-teen and teen gifts because the selection was so good. We even had wrapping paper on hand so parents could wrap up the toys before they left the building."

But, Gosnell said, there were still some parents who had a hard time making choices and said, "It doesn't matter... my kids will appreciate anything."

The amount of families seeking assistance this past holiday season is an indication that there is a need in Crawford County for continued support of the Toys for Tots campaign. Gosnell said. "The number of children we helped this year is more than double that of 1998," she said. "I don't know if that means more people are financially strapped or that word got out of the help that was available."

Christmas programs at the Help Center, such as Adopt-A-Family and Toys for Tots, help families afford Christmas. "Some people will choose buying presents for their kids over paying their rent or utility bills," said Gosnell. "We want to

help and have helped those families provide a nice Christmas without falling behind in their bills."

One grateful mother returned to the Help Center to report how surprised her teenage son was when he opened his gift provided through Toys for Tots. Gosnell said the mother told her son where the gift came from and said, "Isn't it nice that there are people in Grayling who are so generous to help complete strangers have a Merry Christmas?"

Many of the parents who picked up toys and other donated gifts of mittens, hats, gloves and clothing, wanted to know how they could give something back. "If they are able to, they may donate a canned good or anything else needed by the Help Center. If their situation changes in the future, they may give more, but they are not obligated to do a thing. It's all about people helping people."

"I had my Christmas early this year when I handed out the toys. It was a very touching experience," said Gosnell. "Christmas is for kids. Toys for Tots helps meet the need."

## Road Commission hearing next week

A hearing to review evidence and hear responses from two Road Board members, scheduled for January 12-13, is still "on" as scheduled, according to Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have charged Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson with numerous violations of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. Swiercz and Nelson will have a chance during the hearing, that will most likely be closed, to speak in their own defense.

## Frederic adopts five regulatory ordinances

► New regulations deal with blight, land division

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

As part of Frederic Township's continuing "blight control" effort, the township board passed five new "regulatory ordinances" at its December meeting. The ordinances deal with "dangerous structures," "nuisances," "inoperable motor vehicles," "junkyard licensing," and "parcel division."

The "dangerous structure ordinance" deals with blight as well as public safety, outlining the criteria used to determine if a structure is to be considered a threat to public safety.

"If a building or structure is found to be a dangerous structure, the Township shall give the owner of the building or structure written notice of the dangerous condition and 30 days to demolish and remove" it, states the ordinance. Violations are punishable with fines of up to \$500, according to the document.

The "nuisance ordinance" deals with visible blight, setting forth specific guidelines for storing "junk, garbage or rubbish." As stated in the ordinance, fines of up to \$500 may be assessed to violators.

"Dismantled or inoperable motor vehicle ordinance" This ordinance states that three or more "dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles" cannot be stored for more than 30 consecutive days where they can be seen from a pub-

lic highway or "adjoining land owned by another person."

There are a few exemptions: "This section shall not apply to junk dealers, farm operations, open to garages and service stations and actively engaged in making service repairs for the public," according to the ordinance.

The "junkyard licensing ordinance," a lengthier document than the previous three, outlines the permit process for a licensed junk dealer within the township, and details extensive regulations concerning the operations of a "lawful" junkyard.

"Parcel division ordinance" Established "to carry out the provisions of the Land Division Act" and "prevent the creation of lots and parcels that do not comply with applicable Frederic Township ordinances, to minimize potential boundary disputes, to maintain the orderly development of the township, and to otherwise protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents...of Frederic Township," the ordinance is basically a set of guidelines and policies for splitting land within the township.

The "parcel division ordinance," as well as each of the other four recently-passed ordinances, can be examined in their entirety at the Frederic Township Hall.

The Frederic Township Board ratified each of the five ordinances separately, passing each with a 5-0 vote. All five ordinances will become effective near the end of January, 2000.

## Unlike in '98... New Year weekend was 'uneventful'

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Even with possible year 2000 computer problems lurking in the wings and the memory of New Year's Eve 1998 still lingering, the 1999-2000 holiday weekend caused little more than yawns.

"We are busier on a normal Friday night," said Larry Akers, Crawford County's Emergency Management Coordinator. "New Year's Eve was very uneventful compared to last year."

"I think most people stayed home or went to private parties. Downtown area parking lots were near empty and traffic was almost non-existent," he added. Only two drunk driving arrests were reported to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

The 911 Central Dispatch office was ready to take action if any Y2K or civil problems arose. An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up, similar to last year when more than 125 vehicles were involved in an accident near Frederic. Fortunately, the 1999 New Year's Eve EOC was a much smaller operation.

On hand with Akers to oversee a smooth transition to the century was Sheriff David Lovely, representatives of fire, rescue and medical agencies, County Chairperson Lynnette Corlew and County Controller Paul Compo.

Akers reported only three minor events that could be possibly Y2K related. One incident concerned a fire on Manistee River Road, on

New Year's Eve at about 4:15 p.m. A resident had prepared two sheds, complete with wood stoves and cots, just in case more shelter was needed in the event of a Y2K-related disaster of some sort. Apparently the stoves weren't installed properly, resulting in the out building structure fire.

Another incident involved a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer, who was attempting to gas up his vehicle using a fuel debit card at a local gas station. Just as the clock hit midnight, the pump stopped.

The third incident was reported by the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department. Akers received information at 12:30 a.m. New Year's Day that one of the department's aging lap top computers changed over to January 4, 1980 instead of January 1, 2000. Akers said the 1980 date is the original "bias" of the computer's older DOS programming.

This writer's old IBM PS/1 changed over to 2000 right before her eyes, but the next morning it logged on as if the date was Friday, January 4, 1980. The date got changed manually and everything is still working fine.

The January 4, 1980 date seems to be the most common Y2K event since the calendar rolled over. Even the manager of an Oslo, Norway 7-Eleven store reported the same glitch with his computerized cash register while being interviewed on the January 3 showing of *Late Night with David Letterman*.

## Corlew re-elected County Chair

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

At their annual organizational meeting on January 3, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners re-elected District #4 Commissioner Lynnette Corlew as their Chairperson. District #5 Commissioner Elizabeth Wieland was re-elected as Vice Chairperson.

The Board adopted their 1999 rules, but will review them at their first committee meetings January 13, following the conclusion of the hearing regarding possible removal

of Road Board members Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson.

For 2000, committee meetings will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the Thursday falling before a scheduled regular board meeting. The Board agreed to change committee meeting start time from afternoon to morning to better suit their schedules. The only exception is the January 13 meeting.

Regular board meetings will be held the third Wednesday each month, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The first regular meeting will be held

January 19.

Chairperson assignments remain the same as last year: Ways & Means Committee - Elizabeth Wieland; Personnel & Labor Committee - Shelley Pinkelman; Law Enforcement Committee - Harold "Tike" Golnick.

All assignments as representatives to various county entities remain the same as in 1999. A complete listing of those assignments is available at the County Building, located at the west end of Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

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## Updating may help in an emergency

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

It's been a few years since 911 Central Dispatch asked for an update from county residents, so Director Larry Akers is asking the public to help make emergency fire and rescue runs a lot easier by providing important information.

A form similar to the one shown below is in the back of every GTE telephone directory and can be filled out and submitted to the local 911 dispatch office anytime your family, home or business undergoes change, such as the disability of a family member or special instruction regarding location of hazardous materials stored on the premises.

"Knowing if and where flammables are stored at any location helps fire fighters be prepared before they get on-scene of a fire or other dangerous situation," Akers said. "It is also very helpful for emergency workers to know good directions to a residence if it is off the beaten track, so to speak."

Akers is asking all residents, regardless of their situation, to provide any pertinent information, as soon as possible, to his office. Information may include number and types of pets or other animals housed in the family home or in other buildings on the property.

Homeowners may wish to provide an emergency contact person in

case there is a fire when no one is home. Distinguishing landmarks indicating hidden drives or other access points to property should be included. Akers said even if you have changed the color of your home or made additions in the past few years, it would be wise to provide that information to his dispatchers.

Forms may be mailed to the post office box indicated or dropped off at Central Dispatch, located across from the Sheriff's office.

If an additional sheet of paper is needed to provide special information, Akers said, "feel free to include it. We can use all the help we can get."

## \$65,000 granted for study of Otsego corridor

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) has received a \$65,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to prepare a corridor study in Otsego County. Gaylord, Vanderbilt, Otsego County, Townships, Otsego County Road Commission and NEMCOG will add another \$14,600 in local matching funds. NEMCOG will provide technical support and facilitate the study preparation which should be completed in October.

The Otsego County Corridor Study Committee, with members from local units of government and agencies, will provide oversight and input throughout the course of the study. The group will meet bi-monthly at NEMCOG's office. An open house will be held midway through the study to present information and gather public input.

The study will examine information on existing land uses, zoning, environmental conditions, visual resources, and traffic and roadway conditions. Issues such as traffic safety, congestion, access management, pedestrian and bike travel, visual quality, and resource protection will be addressed.

Richard Deuell, a planner at NEMCOG stated, "These corridors are the gateways to our communities; they are the key transportation routes both into the area and between communities within the area. The study provides a unique opportunity to plan for growth and development along the corridor, while also considering traffic safety and congestion, natural resources, visual quality and economic constraints."

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## Davenport College offers new course in Grayling

After six years of growth, Davenport College has experienced increased student enrollment from the Grayling area, and great interest from Michigan National Guard members for beginning or completing a bachelor degree.

In response to these developments, Davenport College announced it will expand campus courses and begin offering courses in the Grayling area, beginning with a Winter term course entitled, "Human Resource Management" (MGT306)

This 4.5 credit class will be held Monday evenings, beginning January 10 at the Grayling National Guard Armory, from 6 p.m. to 9:25 p.m. for ten weeks. This course is just the first of future Grayling classes Davenport will make available to help residents achieve their academic goals.

All other Winter term courses will be held at Gaylord High School, or the AREC computer lab in Gaylord.

Since many Grayling area businesses, both large and small, may also be interested in Human Resource Management, Davenport invites members of the community to register for this class. Students may enroll for college credit or "no credit," depending on whether they wish to achieve a college degree, or merely take the class for their own interest.

Call Davenport College at (517) 731-2966 for more information on degree programs, tuition for credit/no credit courses, and financial aid which may be available. On-line courses are also offered.

## Georgia-Pacific invites public to discuss risk management

Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc. will hold a public meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12 at the Beaver Creek Community Center, to provide details of a plan its has developed to comply with the federal Risk Management Program, a requirement of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

The meeting will include discussion of local implications of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) and a summary of the off-site consequence analysis portion of the plan.

RMPs address management of accidental releases of toxic and

flammable substances, as specified by the government. The program covers facilities that have more than a threshold quantity of specified materials stored on their plant site.

The Risk Management Program focuses on prevention, detection and accident response, and requires the development of "worst case" and "more likely" chemical release scenarios and an analysis of their off-site consequences.

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# School choirs give gift of music with concerts



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT** - The Grayling High School choirs, under the direction of Karen Ross, performed their annual holiday concert on December 14 with a variety of seasonal music. Grayling Middle School choirs entertained family and friends with holiday selections on December 21. Both concerts were held in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

## State safety belt use falls among young adults

State safety belt use fell in a critical area in 1999, most notably among young adults, announced the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

Results of the annual survey, conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), revealed that belt use rates for the 16 to 29-year old age group fell significantly, from 63.6 percent in 1998 to 57.4 percent in 1999.

The survey found no change in overall safety belt use, moving from 69.9 percent in 1998 to 70.1 percent in 1999. The overall number reflects safety belt use by drivers and front seat passengers of passenger cars, sport-utility vehicles, vans and pick-up trucks.

"We're troubled when belt use declines in any area," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director.



efforts and the new law will reverse the decline."

Many states with secondary enforcement laws find safety belt use plateaus around 70 percent. In the spring of 2000, Michigan's standard enforcement law will take effect, allowing officers to ticket motorists who are not buckled up. Currently, Michigan's safety belt law has secondary enforcement status, meaning motorists must be stopped for another traffic code violation before a safety belt citation can be issued.

A statewide public information campaign, "Click it or ticket," has been launched to alert motorists to the new law.

the impending change in the safety belt law. Materials, including radio and television public service announcements, are slated to begin airing as soon as February.

Historically, safety belt use has increased from 62.7 percent in 1994 to 70.1 percent in 1999. Based on the experience of other states that have changed from secondary to

standard enforcement laws, Michigan can expect gains of up to 10 percentage points or more, according to experts with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The safety belt use survey is conducted each fall. Trained observers carefully record safety belt use at predetermined sites to accurately measure belt use habits.

In addition to demographic data, the annual survey also tracks safety belt use in Wayne County. From 1998 to 1999, belt use in Wayne County increased, from 63.1 percent to 65.8 percent.

### Michigan's current safety belt law

- Children under one year - must be secured in a child safety seat whether riding in the front or back seat. Failure to do so may result in a ticket issued to the driver. Police may stop vehicle as a standard or primary violation.

- Children one to three years - must be secured in a child safety seat while riding in the front seat; a child safety seat is recommended for back seat riders, but a safety belt must always be used. Failure to do so may result in a ticket issued to the driver. Police may stop vehicle as a standard or primary violation.

- Children four to 15 years must wear a safety belt while riding in the front or back seat. Police may ticket for this violation, but only as a secondary violation.

- Young people 16 years and older, including adults - must wear a safety belt while driving or riding in the front seat. A safety belt is recommended, but not required while riding in the back seat. Police may ticket for this violation, but only as a secondary violation.

\*\*Safety belt citation fines vary; based on local court costs.

### Michigan's new safety belt law

(effective Spring 2000)

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- Children one to three years - must be properly secured in a child safety seat while riding in either front or back seat; if not, police may stop driver as a primary violation.

- Children four to 15 years - must wear a safety belt at all times; if not, police may stop driver as a primary violation.

- Young people 16 years and older, including adults - must wear a safety belt while driving or riding in the front seat. A safety belt is recommended, but not required while riding in the back seat. Police may ticket for a primary violation.

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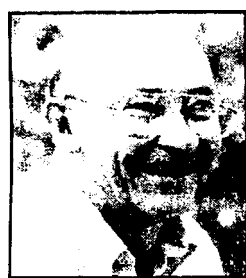
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Second chance: Wit and wisdom from 1999

**Y2K HAS BEEN** conquered and the 21st Century has dawned, which gives reason enough to sample again some kernels of wit and wisdom which appeared in *The Almanack* during 1999.

### ON BALKAN STRIFE --

"Nothing in our national memory prepares us to understand the historical basis for the deep-seated territorial, ethnic and religious differences that permeate the Balkan countries. The U.S. has just over 200 years of national memory. Once established, our borders have remained relatively constant. We have faced no outside invading armies seeking to take over our lands and destroy our civilization. Except for the tragedy of the Civil War, our homeland has been peaceful and secure. Not so for Serbia or Bosnia or Albania or the rest of the Balkans. Political unrest is part of their common heritage. That's one reason bombing by itself may be ineffective in transforming the will and the convictions of the warring parties."

After bombing the Chinese

Embassy in Belgrade: "If we don't want to kill civilians, why are we sending bombs where people are -- in Belgrade and other larger cities where people live and work? Bombs also have 'accidentally' struck buses filled with people, and neighborhoods filled with people, and even hospital grounds filled with people. If NATO and America really don't want to kill people, why are we bombing at all?"

After President Clinton told CBS he doesn't regard impeachment "as some great badge of shame" -- "Mr. Clinton's rationalization about impeachment recalls the words of beleaguered Tevye in the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof.' Being poor is no great shame, a reconciled Tevye reminds God ... but then, it's no great honor either."

### ON SCHOOL SHOOTINGS --

"Misguided or demented young outcasts could not wreak Littleton-style havoc with alternate weapons, such as baseball bats or crowbars or even homemade bombs, but without guns... Keeping guns out of the

reach of the young may not be the whole answer to solving school violence, but it certainly could be an effective step in the right direction. It shouldn't be too difficult to take that first step. Our schools and our children -- all of us -- would be much safer."

After survivors of a 40-year, three-pack-a-day smoker won a huge verdict -- "Do smokers bear no responsibility for their own self-destructive actions, especially in the face of overwhelming medical odds and official government findings of tobacco causing cancer? There is no justification for the activities of tobacco companies in promoting and selling death by inhalation, but there is a shared responsibility, too."

On flag burning -- "The American flag is a symbol and a revered one. But it is only that -- a symbol ... Popular views require no protection by law; the fact of majority provides that protection already. It is the unpopular views of a minority, no matter how disagreeable, which need protection of law ... If a flag is burned, we can get another. If a

principle is destroyed, it's gone."

**AFTER TEXAS** Gov. George W. Bush stumbled over the names of obscure foreign leaders -- "(He) probably can survive attacks by his political opponents and carping questions from critical columnists. But if the people start laughing at him, he'll be in trouble. If they keep laughing, he'll be in real deep trouble. Most Americans won't vote for people they laugh at."

On presidential primaries -- "These two small, non typical states (New Hampshire and Iowa) have become a vital indicator of who will win and who won't among presidential candidates. Thus, they can shape American political events out of all proportion ... It simply is not a sane way to pick presidential nominees. It's not fair either. But that's the way it is."

On parental conduct at youth sports -- "Parents have an obligation to show up at these games and cheer on their offspring. Kids thrive on parental attention. But parents should be truly supportive, courte-

ous, positive, civil and fair-minded ... and it shouldn't require a course in ethics with a training video and handbook to act that way."

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**NOTING THAT** well more than 1,000 bills usually are introduced each legislative year -- "Does that mean that Michigan laws are in such bad shape that we need more than 1,000 changes each year? The perfect legislative session, in my book, would be one in which no bills other than annual budget bills are either introduced or adopted. Maybe we should leave well enough alone once in a while."

As the Legislature tried to trim attorney general duties and ran into a political buzz saw -- "At its core, the current flap is a basic question of governmental structure and jurisdiction. If it weren't for the politics, only governmental fundamentalists would give a hoot, one way or the other."

On term limits -- "Critics wring their hands that new members can't seem to get the hang of it, and that new leadership doesn't seem up to

the task. Don't believe it. Michigan cannot be unique in the complexity of the lawmaking process. Other states work well with part time legislatures, and with continual turnover and flux of new members and new leaders due to term limits ..."

As the Legislature tinkered with local school starting dates -- "The local school calendar should remain a decision by locally elected school boards, including whether the Friday before Labor Day becomes a school holiday. Conditions may differ in different districts, and local school leaders know what's best for students in their individual schools. It seems everyone loves education ... until it comes to the cash register."

On state takeover of Detroit schools -- "When is the right time, what are the right circumstances, what is the ultimate justification for taking control of schools away from parents ... that is, local voters? Apparently the answer is when it suits those in power."

# EDITOR

## Pastor curious about others' views

To the editor,

Our thanks to Terry Dickinson, for another letter to the *Avalanche* concerning our column, "The Bible Speaks." You agreed with Bishop Shelby Spong in questioning "the birth narratives and the resurrection" of our Lord Jesus Christ. By questioning the virgin birth of Jesus Christ you are implying with the Pharisees in John 8:41 that He was born of fornication. In plain language, you are willing to allow Jesus Christ to be called a bastard instead of the virgin born Son of God. By questioning His literal resurrection, you are denying the power of God unto eternal salvation. (1 Pet. 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." If what you and Bishop Spong believe were true, we would all be lost and without hope in the world. Thanks for making your views on Jesus Christ public.

You also went to great lengths to attack the accuracy and authority of the Bible. You quoted a liberal scholar as saying, "The first ten of fifteen chapters of Acts are so imaginary as to contain almost no overtly historical material that one can entertain with any degree of certitude." You went on concerning the Gospels which record the life and

ministry of Jesus Christ by quoting: "... none of the facts of Jesus' life as they are normally represented (in the Gospels) fit readily into the history of this period." In other words, you accept a historical Jesus of liberal scholarship, and reject the Christ of Holy Scriptures.

Now let us read the words of another more heavenly scholar, Jesus Christ, who said in Matt. 24:35; Mark 13:31, and Luke 21:33: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 5:18) "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (Luke 9:26) "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels." (John 12:48) "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Some of us still choose by faith to trust the words of our Lord Jesus Christ rather than liberal unbelievers.

You said, "If I were required to assume that Pastor 'B' represented the basic view of Christianity, I would be left with no choice but to reject that religion in its entirety." It sounds to many of us like you already have. You claim to be an

ordained minister, yet you attend no church. You claim to be a Christian, yet you question the deity of Jesus Christ. His finished work through His vicarious death, burial and resurrection, and you question the accuracy and authority of His Holy Scriptures. In closing, please meditate upon these words of our Lord Jesus Christ: (Matt. 7:22,23) "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." One of us has the

wrong Lord, the wrong salvation, and the wrong Bible authority!

I, too, am curious for the community to know if any ministers agree with you on your views questioning the deity of Jesus Christ, His vicarious atonement, and the authority of His Holy Scriptures. I am also curious for others to know how many agree with you that "acting on one's sexual orientation in a mutually consenting, respectful and committed relationship is not immoral."

Dr. Robert J. Barnett, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church &  
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## Knights in shining armor help damsel in distress

To the editor,

On January 4, 2000, on my way to work at 6:45 a.m., I hit a patch of ice and snow on M-72 West.

After spinning and weaving over both lanes of traffic, I ended up in the ditch. Unhurt, but unable to get out of the ditch, I was sitting there trying to decide who to call when events happened that reminded me of why I'm grateful I live in Grayling.

Three people stopped to offer help, with one kind gentleman and his son using his truck and chain to pull me out. He would not accept

any payment and just said, "Have a better day and drive safely." All this within 15 minutes.

I will be forever grateful for that kind gentleman and the apparent guardian angel that was looking out for me by keeping traffic off the road while I was spinning. I am also very grateful for those who stopped to check on me.

Grayling has its problems, but small town living beats the big city any day.

Sherry Haag  
Grayling

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**Community Briefs** items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

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## VIEWPOINT

by Mike Hanley (D-Saginaw), State House Democratic Leader

## End of session: What really happened

Those of you who follow the Legislature's activities might still be trying to figure out and absorb what transpired in the last few days before it recessed for the holidays. Many issues that had been discussed all year finally came to a vote, while others have been put off until next year (2000). Here is a brief summary of some of the major pieces of legislation we addressed, along with some of the pros and cons associated with them.

• **Charter schools** -- A measure to lift the cap on the number of charter schools sponsored by universities failed to gain approval in the House. Many of my colleagues did not support this legislation because of concerns about the lack of oversight of the charters we now have. Unlike more traditional state-funded schools, charter schools do not have elected school boards to oversee their operations and are often run by for-profit management companies. Supporters of charter schools see them as alternatives to conventional public schools, with less bureaucracy and the potential for more innovation. Because raising the cap is a goal of the current administration, I expect we will see this legislation revived in 2000.

• **Residency** -- A bill that loosens residency requirements for city employees by allowing them to reside within 20 miles of the nearest city border has been signed by the Governor. Supporters of this legislation felt it was unfair that some cities require their employees to live within the cities' borders. Opponents felt that such issues should be decided locally and not in Lansing.

• **Right-to-Farm** -- This legislation, also approved by both the House and the Senate, is an attempt to establish uniform agricultural laws across the state. Among other measures, the legislation calls for the adoption of what are called "Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices" in such areas as manure management and farm expansion. As with the resi-

dency bill, the importance of home rule was a major part of this debate. Those who opposed the farm bill felt that agriculture regulations can best be set by local communities. They also fear that provisions of the new law are not stringent enough, allowing the widespread establishment of "factory farms" in Michigan. Supporters of the bill said that farmers should be able to count on one standard throughout the state, and that "local control" is often used as a pretext to put farmers out of business.

• **Drain Code** -- While not a high profile issue, the revisions to the 1956 code, as passed by both Houses, are significant. This bill imposes new requirements on county and state officials to protect water quality, minimize the adverse impact of drain projects, incorporate flow patterns into drain design and storm water management and make on-site storm water retention a priority. Opponents of the bill say it does not go far enough to protect the environment, while supporters, citing the original date of the code, say the updates were necessary.

• **School administrators and unions** -- Detroit school administrators, including principals, will have their union disbanded under legislation approved by both Houses. There was no Democratic support for this bill and my colleagues and I argued that it is not fair to prohibit any employees from organizing, and it is certainly unfair to single out one school district's union. Those in support of the bill say that school administrators are part of management and should not be allowed to unionize.

There were definite winners and losers in 1999. Where do you think our priorities should be? My colleagues and I always appreciate hearing from you; write to any of us at the State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909.

If it is more convenient, you can visit us on the worldwide web at [www.housedems.com](http://www.housedems.com) and E-mail comments and suggestions.

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# BRIEFS

## Substance abuse board to meet

The Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will meet Monday, January 10 at 10 a.m. in the Baraga Meeting Room of their offices, located at 1665 West M-32 in Gaylord. For an agenda and details, call (517) 732-1791. Assistance for the hearing or visually impaired can be pre-arranged by calling the above number.

## Master Gardeners to talk about turf

Were you happy with your lawn last summer? Attend the January Master Gardeners Society (MGS) meeting January 10, when Master Gardener Carol Gerometta will share some hints on developing and caring for your "turf." The Master Gardeners meet the second Monday of each month, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Lyon Township Hall. Although only Master Gardeners can be "members," anyone interested in gardening is welcome to attend the meetings and share ideas. For more information, contact MGS President, Barb, at (517) 275-5832.

## Marriage Encounter plans weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will host a Marriage Encounter weekend, February 11-13, in Petoskey. The weekends are meant to give married couples some time together, away from hectic everyday life. For more information, call Chris and Steve Seager at (517) 348-8096.

## Nominees sought for historic preservation award

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is now accepting nominations for its annual awards to be presented at its 19th annual conference in Grand Rapids on May 5.

The Network recognizes those who have excelled in four areas:

- Citizen Award is presented to an outstanding individual, who through his or her efforts and/or involvement in historic preservation projects, has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage.
- Commercial Award is presented to an outstanding commercial historic rehabilitation project completed within the past two years. The project must include exterior rehabilitation work, but may be both interior and exterior.
- Community Award is presented

to a community; i.e. city, neighborhood association, etc., that has engaged in a comprehensive plan for historic preservation or other historic preservation related projects.

• Government/Institutional Award is given to individual(s), agencies and/or institutions that by their actions have accomplished significant positive changes in the historic preservation climate and activity in the State of Michigan.

Nominations are due on or before February 11, 2000 and should be mailed to the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, P.O. Box 720, Clarkston, MI 48347-0720.

Please contact the Network office at (248) 625-8181 or on the Internet at mhpnet@voyager.net to request a nomination form or for further information.

## Nominate 'awesome' volunteers

Governor John Engler and the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) announced it is looking for nominations for the Seventh Annual Governor's Service Awards.

The Governor's Service Awards honor the dedicated efforts of citizens and organizations that service their communities.

Awards finalists will be invited to a dinner in their honor on May 18 in Lansing, sponsored by Ameritech and held in conjunction with the Volunteerism SuperConference 2000.

The Governor and the MCSC are

asking for the public's help and invite everyone to nominate an individual, business, or organization that exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism. To obtain a copy of the Seventh Annual Governor's Service Awards Nomination Form, download a copy of the form from the MCSC website at [www.state.mi.us/career/mcsc](http://www.state.mi.us/career/mcsc), or make a form request by fax at (517) 241-3869.

In your request, include name, organization, complete address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address if available.

Deadline for submitting nominations is February 11, 2000.

## Club leader achieves merit status

Pat Salyers, Grayling, was honored for outstanding leadership of young people during 1999 as director of the local Woodmen of America Junior Service Club.

Salyers led the group to merit status, an honor given by Modern Woodmen to recognize leaders of youth clubs for top-level performance.

Judging in the merit club contest is based on the quality and quantity of meetings, programs, and community service activities held during the year.

Modern Woodmen of America's youth clubs are organizations for children who are members of

Modern Woodmen and are 16 years of age or younger. The leaders are Modern Woodmen adult members. The clubs follow a fraternal youth program which provides children with opportunities to participate in social, civic, educational and fraternal activities.

Modern Woodmen supports approximately 750 tiny tot, junior, and teen service clubs throughout the United States. During 1999, 386 clubs attained merit club status.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois, serving nearly 750,000 members nationwide.

## K of C plans annual free throw contest

All boys and girls, ages nine to 14, are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2000 Knights of Columbus (K of C) International Free Throw Championship. It will be held Saturday, January 15, at 1 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state level competitions.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores

from the state level championships. All boys and girls, nine to 14 years, are eligible to participate and compete in their respective age divisions. Last year, more than 232,000 sharpshooters took part in 3,814 local contests.

Competitions at all levels are free of charge.

All contestants on the local level will receive certificates of participation. Winners will receive plaques and will advance to districts in Grayling on Saturday, January 22.

For entry or additional information, contact Marlin Neuberger at 348-5086.

## Hanson Hills to host annual ski races

The annual Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic cross country ski races will be held on Saturday, January 8, and Sunday, January 9, at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park in Grayling.

The event will bring approximately 300 participants to race in the 30 km marathon. Start time for the marathon is 10:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$25 and registrations will be accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. on race day.

The 15 km Junior race will cost \$10. This year, the race will follow a

new course, running the trails backwards.

The Classic race will be held on Sunday, January 9, beginning at 10 a.m. with an interval start. The entry fee for the classic race is \$20 and will be accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday.

"Conditions have deteriorated over the weekend, however, with the cold temperatures coming after the rain, our base is excellent," said Cindy Olson, GRA Director. "If we get the snow that is in the forecast, we will have a great race."

## Learn how to sell your artwork from artist rep

Northern Michigan Artists Guild is sponsoring a "How to Sell Art" meeting in Gaylord next week.

On Tuesday, January 11 at 6 p.m., at Saturn Booksellers in Gaylord, artists' representative Harvey Singer will be the guest speaker at a meeting that invites local artists to bring two to four pieces of their work and learn about their salability.

Harvey will discuss ways of marketing artwork and developing a successful business program. He currently represents artists Linda Baker, Cindy Callog, Kathleen Kalinowski, Christine Garrity West and Bruce Wood.

The representative will tell those

in attendance what sells and how others can adapt his theories. Harvey said he is not an art critic, but considers himself instead a good salesman and good judge of what sells.

Harvey said that this type of meeting is sometimes where he finds new artists to represent. He represents only artists who create images on paper or canvas, or work that can be made into prints.

Bring a fellow artist for the meeting. Parking is available in the rear of the building or on the street at 133 West Main Street. For more information, call Carlene Lagrou at (517) 732-4110.



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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from December 27 through January 2:

One valid alarm; one false alarm; two fires; 20 general non-criminal; 18 traffic accidents (five car-deer); four snowmobile accidents; two accident-other; four civil matter/family trouble; four suspi-

cious situations; one lost-found property; two assault/intimidation; three burglary/home invasion; one burglary-forced entry; one larceny; three public peace/disorderly; eight health and safety (all animal control); two miscellaneous criminal offense.

A total of 78 complaints were handled during the one-week period.

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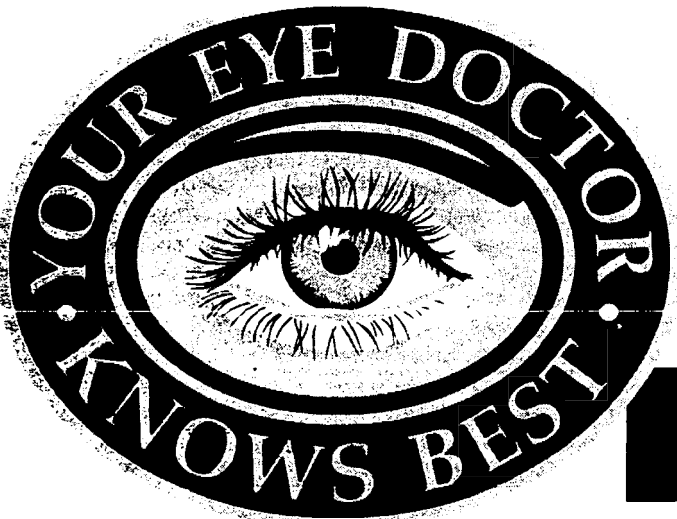
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# The Bible Speaks

## Sodom U.S.A?

In the name of safety, sensitivity, and tolerance, a Massachusetts advocacy group called The Shared Heart, is circulating new high school curriculum to combat anti-gay bias. Reporter Michelle Galley said, "The group's curriculum centers on a book of portraits and handwritten text detailing the experiences of 40 gay and lesbian 16- to 24-year-olds. Other materials include a resource guide directed at teachers, students, and parents, a CD-ROM, a classroom poster, and a set of 20 slides that correlate with a proposed activity."

I believe we already reported the 1994 state legislation in Massachusetts to create the Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students. This program helps pay for student groups, workshops for parents, and suicide-prevention programs. "What we've tried to do is make sure that in all schools there is an attitude of tolerance -- where every student feels safe and can therefore learn," said Mr. David P. Driscoll, the Massachusetts state commissioner of education.

A few days later, a coalition of medical, mental health, educational and religious organizations announced it would send the nation's school superintendents a booklet to inform them that there is "no support among health and mental health professional organizations" for the idea that homosexuality is abnormal or mentally unhealthy. In fact, the group expressed concerns about the potential harm posed by "reparative therapy" and other techniques intended to change sexual orientation."

This group called "Just the Facts Coalition," represents the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Education Association, the American Psychological Association and seven other groups. They said the 12-page booklet would be mailed to the heads of all 14,700 public school districts in the United States. "I think this is a history-changing moment," said Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, a New York organization devoted to ending anti-gay bias in the schools. "The entire mainstream education and mental health establishment has said that it isn't lesbian, gay and bisexual students who need to change, it is the conditions in our schools that need to change."

The sodomites are claiming victory in America. They claim to have the politicians, preachers, professors, physicians, psychologists, and psychiatrists in their pockets. Is there any hope for America? God reveals sodomy as the sign paganism has gained control of a nation. (Rom. 1:26-28) "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for

even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: [27] And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;" Has God already turned America over to a reprobate mind? The answer could be evident by how much you are influencing the moral and spiritual training and values of your children and grandchildren.

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: "I so desire to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me." by Abraham Lincoln.

Take care of yourself in the wintry weather. Beware of slippery sidewalks and steps.

A reminder of the policy of the Senior Center - if the Crawford A-Sable Schools are closed, then the Senior Center is closed.

Things that are happening at the center:

**January 6** - Lucky 7 Casino trip, 9:30 a.m. - please call.

**January 7** - Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.

**January 9** - Sunday Brunch

**January 10** - Hangman, 5:30 p.m.

**January 11** - Trivia, 5:30 p.m.

**January 12** - Commodities distributed at Eagles, 9:30; COA White Elephant Auction, 5 p.m.

**January 13** - BP's taken, 11 a.m. - Noon; Rick Febey will speak on "Getting Back Your Mobility."

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Family visiting the Ann Hamlin home to celebrate Christmas Eve were Richard and Margie Smith; Curt and Robyn Utterback and their two boys; Jim and Janice Smith and son, Parker; Mark and Mary Smith and their two boys; Marc and Tammy Smith and children, all of Mount Pleasant; Kent and Melissa Cotton and daughter Kirstyn of Midland; Heather Smith of Utica; Scott and Shelly Hamlin and their four boys of Brutus; Paul and Beth Hamlin and children of Lovells; Dean and Lori Smith and daughters; Bob and Evie Stephan; Norberta Sawyer and James Jones of Manistee. Santa Claus even made it there.

**January 14** - Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.

**January 16** - Pancake Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meals are available at noon, Monday through Friday and at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

**January Menu: Lunch/Dinner**

5 - Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken

6 - Pot Roast/Sloppy joes

7 - Baked Ham/no dinner

10 - Fish Fillets/Roast Pork

11 - Stuffed Turkey/Chopped Sirloin

12 - Chicken and Biscuits/BBQ Pork

13 - Beef Roast/Ham Steak

14 - Swiss Steak/no dinner

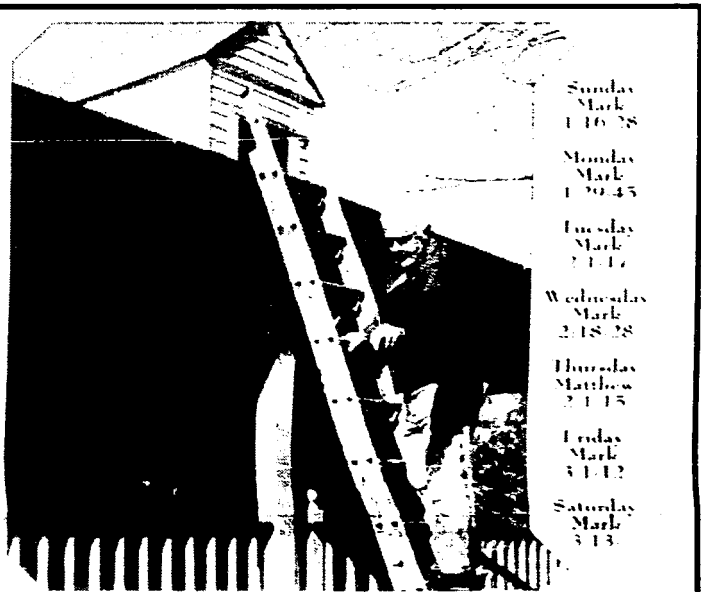
Thought to leave you with: Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.

## HONORS

**Michigan Tech. University**

Crystal Lea Pilon of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter, earning between a 3.5 and 4.0 grade point average.

## Church Directory



## Packing it all away?

How exciting to "deck the halls"...how sad to pack it all away. Christmas is so emotionally dazzling. As we decorate our houses and bake special goodies in the warm kitchen, we find energy we only seem to possess at that special time. We sparkle and laugh as our spirits are warmed by the exhilaration of the season. Must we be so sad as the holidays end?

You know, we really don't have to pack it all away, literally or figuratively. Perhaps, there is a special ornament that warms your heart or a simple angel. Display it where you will see it throughout the year...where it will bring to your mind and heart the spiritual sparkle of Christmas. Jesus said in John 13:17..."If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." Surely He meant throughout the year.

Remember to attend your local house of worship regularly this year. There is no better reminder of the Christmas season.

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday... 8 pm

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
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Sunday Worship... 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School - Sept. - May... 9:45 to 10:45  
Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON  
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 348-4033

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).

Church Service... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm  
Morning Prayer Meeting... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament... 10 am  
Sunday School... 14 am  
Primary... 11 am  
Priesthood... 12 noon  
Relief Society... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
Pastor, James Bruze  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wednesday... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224

Sunday School... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Patricia Fowler  
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.  
P.O. Box 1188

Church School... 9:45 am  
Preaching... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nailey, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657

Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses... 8:00 am  
Family Mass... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays)... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses... 9:15 am  
Wednesday & Fridays... 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet)  
<http://blessing-radio.com>

**New Life Ministries**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
517-536-7933 • jmcwat@freeway.net  
Sunday Services... 11:00 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services

Wednesday... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Gordon French, Pastor  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613

Sunday Classes... 10 am  
Sunday Worship... 11 am  
Sunday Evening... 6 pm  
Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday School... 9 am  
Sunday Service... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325

Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557

Sunday School... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448

Sunday School... 10 am  
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday... 7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey

Sunday School... 10 am  
Chapel Service... 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.(M-72 W.) • 348-5362

Sunday School... 10 am  
Morning Service... 11 am  
Evening Service... 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor  
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Sunday Worship... 8 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Study... 9:15 am  
Tuesday Night School... 5:30 pm  
Wednesday am Bible Study... 9 am  
Advent Services Wed. Nights... 7 pm  
On December 1, 8 & 15  
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service... 7 pm  
New Years Eve Service... 7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
M-72 West - Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Morning Praise... 10:30 am  
(the second Sunday of each month)  
Adult & Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided... 10:30 am  
by Licensed Daycare Professional  
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday)... 6:45 pm

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Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

**Luzerne Baptist**  
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2247 Duffee Lane

Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm

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# Football league receives \$1,000 grant

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to the AuSable Valley Football League to recognize the volunteer efforts of a utility employee.

Conway "Buster" Peters, an instrument, controls and electrical technician at the Grayling generating station, performed more than 240 hours of volunteer work for the Grayling organization in the past 12 months. Peters serves on the organization's board.

The Volunteer Investment Program (VIP) grant supports league operations.

The grant was doubled as a result of the Consumers Energy Foundation's CEEPSACER (Consumers Energy Foundation Employees Providing Service Around Children's Essential Resources) was established as part of Consumers Energy's commitment to America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, led nationally by retired General Colin L. Powell.

The America's Promise is to provide children and young people in need with the right combination of resources for them to devel-

op into responsible, productive and happy adults.

The Consumers Energy Foundation sponsors the Volunteer Investment Program to recognize employees and retirees who donate personal time to nonprofit groups. Employees and retirees who volunteer more than 45 hours to qualifying organizations are eligible to apply for grants to benefit the group.

Local employee community partnership teams review grant applications for eligibility and determine grant amounts. Grant amounts are based on the level of leadership and

time commitment of the employee or retiree, the organization's response to community needs and other criteria.

Last year, the Consumers Energy Foundation awarded VIP grants totaling \$127,000 to 352 organizations on behalf of 611 employees and retirees.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy. It provides funding to areas including education, the environment, Michigan growth and enhancement, culture and the arts, social services and emerging issues.

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Here are some tips from the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) on ways to communicate effectively with repair shops:

- Do Your Homework
  - Read the owner's manual to learn about the vehicle's systems and components.
  - Follow the recommended service schedules; keep a log of all repairs and service.
- Inspect Your Car
  - Unusual sounds, odors, drips,

leaks, smoke, warning lights, gauge readings; worn tires, belts, hoses.

- Changes in acceleration, engine performance, gas mileage or fluid levels.

- Problems in handling, braking, steering, or vibrations.

Notes

- When did the problem first start? Is it constant or periodic? Does it occur when the vehicle is cold or after the engine has warmed up?

- At all speeds? Under acceleration? During braking? When shifting?

At The Shop

- Be prepared to describe the symptoms; but do not suggest a specific course of repair.

- Do not be embarrassed to ask questions. Ask that technical terms be explained.

- Don't expect an on-the-spot diagnosis, but ask to be apprised of the problem, course of action and costs before work begins.

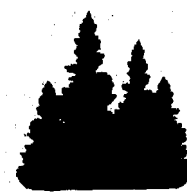
- Be sure you understand policies regarding diagnostic fees, labor rates, return of old parts, guarantees, etc.

For a copy of ASE's brochure, How to Communicate for Better Automotive Service, please send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: ASE, Communication Brochure, Dept. NU-698, 13505 Dulles Technology Drive, Suite 2, Herndon, VA 20171-3421.

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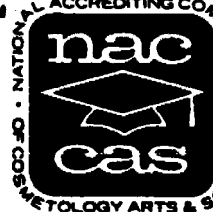
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# Secretary of State has busy year

► Repeat Offender and organ donor initiative highlight 1999, Miller says

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller said last week the successful implementation of the state's new Repeat Offender laws and her initiatives to promote organ donation top her 1999 list of accomplishments.

"The implementation of the Repeat Offender laws undoubtedly represents one of our greatest achievements this year," Secretary Miller said. "The fact that more than 3,700 license plates have been confiscated in the weeks since the laws went into effect speaks volumes to the need for this tougher, more aggressive approach."

"The Repeat Offender laws herald a new era in Michigan for addressing the problem of motorists

who repeatedly violate the law, putting themselves and others at great risk," Secretary Miller explained.

Secretary Miller added that among the Department of State's list of accomplishments for 1999, her organ donor initiatives are particularly significant because of their direct impact on saving lives.

"In addition to the Repeat Offender laws, I am very proud of the great success the department has had in increasing the number of names on the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry," Secretary Miller said. "Becoming an organ donor is one of the greatest gifts you can give."

In highlighting the department's organ donor initiatives, Secretary Miller noted that since it began over one year ago, the organ donor enrollment card program has added more than 140,000 names to the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue

Donor Registry.

In addition to Repeat Offender and organ donor initiatives, highlights of the Department of State's 1999 accomplishments include:

- The prosecution of two third-party testers, the Escanaba Truck Driving School in Menominee County and K&M Testing in Mecosta County, for endangering public safety by falsifying road skills tests and commercial driver license certificates.

- The unveiling of a new video conferencing system which allows the department to more effectively hold hearings and re-examinations in remote areas of the state to keep bad drivers off the road.

- The debut of Michigan's Historic Sites Online, a database of 3,000 historic Michigan sites. One of the most complete and detailed websites of its type, Michigan's Historic Sites Online includes photographs, historical information and locations of sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historic Sites.

- Passage of Public Act 34, which toughens penalties for forging or copying a disability certificate, placard or sticker, or selling forged copies. The law establishes a mini-

mum fine of \$250.

- Public Act 40, which repeals the April 1, 2002, sunset of the Graduated Driver License (GDL) program. It also extends the point system established under Public Acts 21 and 22 of 1999 for specific driving offenses while operating an off-road vehicle or snowmobile to the GDL program.

- The unveiling of the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program to provide \$100,000 in grants to assist local communities preserving their lighthouses. The assistance program is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Michigan Lighthouse Project. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded on a local matching basis.

- The Electronic Insurance Verification (EIV) Program. More than 60 percent of Secretary of State customers are now eligible to renew their vehicle or watercraft registration by touch-tone telephone or Internet thanks to the department's EIV Program. During the last quarter of 1999, an average of 387 touch-tone telephone and 334 Internet registration transactions were processed each day.

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# GMS 7th graders off to a 3-0 start

► Vikings beat WB twice, HL once to open with three wins

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Opening the season with two wins over West Branch Surline and a victory over Houghton Lake, the GMS 7th grade "white" team is off to a 3-0 start for the '99-00 basketball season.

In the squad's season opener at West Branch Surline, the Vikings won a low-scoring match 18-10.

"(Our team put forth) a solid defensive effort that held Surline to zero points in the fourth quarter," said Coach Phil Trudgeon.

"Jason Strohpaul played excellent on both ends of the court," Trudgeon added.

Russell Peters led in the scoring column with six points. Strohpaul, Tim Umlor, and James Haven each added four points.

At Houghton Lake, the Vikings won a close match against the Bobcats, edging HL 25-24.

"Despite costly turnovers, the Vikings held on to win by one

point," said Coach Trudgeon. "D.J. Metzger shot well and ran the offense. Jason Fekete, Josh Millikin, and Russell Peters turned in great efforts defensively for Grayling."

Metzger was the GMS high scorer with 13. Umlor added four, and Strohpaul, Jeff Phipps, Millikin, and Fekete each scored two.

Just before the holiday break, the Vikes played Surline again, this time at Grayling. The GMS team posted another victory, its third straight of the season, beating WB 35-20.

"The trapping defense caused

turnovers and ignited the offense. Kyle Trudgeon and Jeff Phipps had solid defensive efforts. D.J. Metzger played a great game on both ends," said Coach Trudgeon.

"The boys played as a team and finally got the offense on track," he said.

Metzger again led the GMS scoring with 14. Strohpaul scored six, and Trudgeon and Phipps each added four.

The Vikings will host Roscommon on Wednesday, January 5, and Kalkaska on Monday, January 10.

## 7th grade 'green' team opens with two wins

► 30 points by Tobin leads GMS Vikes past West Branch Surline

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade basketball "green" team opened its 1999-2000 season with two straight wins, defeating West

Branch Surline 45-36 and Houghton Lake 35-29.

Against West Branch, Gib Tobin led the Viking offensive attack with 30 points, just six less than the whole Surline squad. Josh Hinkle added five points, and Ryan Schmidt and Matt Swope each put in four points.

"This was our first game and the boys played well," said Coach Mark

Hartman. "West Branch is a tall team, but the boys played a great half-court trap, which made it difficult for their guards to get to their big guys."

"It was a mixture of good defense and scoring," said Hartman.

At Houghton Lake, the team won its second straight match, defeating HL 35-29.

"With a more balanced scoring

attack and good defense, we managed to make it two wins in one week," said Coach Hartman.

"Matt Swope and Ryan Davis did a real good job getting rebounds. The boys played hard," Hartman said.

Tobin led the scoring in that game as well, hitting for 18 points. Schmidt added eight points, and Hinkle scored six.

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Dr. Steffe was born in Jackson County, Michigan on September 17, 1914. He became an Eagle Scout and graduated from Springport High School (Springport, MI) as class valedictorian.

In 1936, Dr. Steffe graduated from Albion College and completed his M.D. in 1939 from the University of Michigan (U of M). His internship was completed at U of M, but World War II interrupted his residency.

Dr. Steffe served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945. He spent 26 months in the Pacific theater as a physician on the heavy cruiser the USS Pensacola, serving in numerous campaigns: Gilbert Islands, Marshal Islands, Marianas, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Leaving the Navy with a Bronze Star and the rank of Lt. Commander, he returned to U of M to complete his residency in obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN).

After a brief period at the Straub Clinic in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. Steffe went to Flint where he worked in OB/GYN private practice for 32 years, delivering more than 10,000 babies. During the time he was the organizer (and President) of Flint Obstetrics and Gynecology, P.C. His wife, Ruth Steffe, R.N., assisted him in this private practice for many years.

In 1979, he left Flint and moved to Grayling where he started work as an emergency room physician at the Keyport Clinic and later served his country for a second time by treating the medical problems of veterans at the Veterans Clinic in Gaylord.

In 1991, Dr. Steffe returned to Mercy Hospital to assist in developing the Mercy Internal Medicine Associates, and simultaneously worked as the Executive Medical Director of Mercy Manor, a 40-bed

extended-care facility. He also served as the Medical Director of Hospice for two Michigan counties, Crawford and Roscommon, from 1992 to 1995.

After more than 57 years of active medical practice, Dr. Steffe retired in January, 1997.

During his career, Dr. Steffe was involved in many civic and professional activities: Medical Advisor for the Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, 1948-1972; Elected to the Flint Board of Education, 1955-1967, serving as President in 1961 and 1962; Diplomat and Fellow of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Member of American Medical Association; Member of Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Member and Past-President of the Michigan State Medical Society; Member and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; Member and Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Member of Norman F. Miller Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Member of the Flint Academy of Surgery; Member of the American College of Emergency Physicians; Founding Member of the Independent Physicians Association.

He received the Michigan State Medical Society Community Service Award in 1997.

Dr. Steffe's avocations included trout fishing and flying, the latter for which he received numerous certifications: Private Pilot, Instrument Pilot, Commercial Pilot, Multi-engine Pilot, and an Airline Transport Rating. He also sponsored the first AuSable River Marine Patrol.

His beloved wife for over 60 years, Ruth F. Steffe, preceded him in death in 1992. Dr. Steffe is survived by three children: Margaret, Thomas and James (Susan) Steffe; and four grandchildren: Elizabeth

(Brian Dawson) and Todd (Heather) Thorsen, and Justinn and Dana Steffe.

Dr. Steffe's family said they hope he will be remembered "as a kind and gentle man who healed many bodies and touched many hearts."

A Memorial Service will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 with Reverend Jeffrey Jaggers and Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiating.

Visiting will be held at Sorenson Funeral Home from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the memorial service on January 5.

Dr. Steffe's family suggests memorials to Mercy Hospital, Mercy Manor, or Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, all of Grayling.

Funeral arrangements were furnished by Sorenson Funeral Home.

### Eric C. Kerr

Eric C. Kerr, 22, formerly of Grayling, died Monday, December 20, 1999, at his home in New Port.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle Kerr; son, David Kerr; parents, Darlene Drake and Clayton Ayres; sister, Jennifer Kerr; grandparents, Arthur and Patricia Laramie, Fred and Barbara Kerr.

Funeral services were held at Sainteiu & Sons Funeral Home in Garden City on December 23.

### Clyde C. Nash

Clyde C. Nash, 94, of Mio, died Saturday, January 1, 2000 in West Branch.

Mr. Nash was a lifetime resident of Oscoda County where he was a member of Mio New Hope Assembly of God. He served on the Comins and Mio Senior Citizens Board for several years and was a volunteer for the Mio Family Independence Agency (FIA).

Known as the area's dancer, Mr. Nash was an active participant in the Milltown Follies variety show. He also played in the Grayling Kitchen Band and wrote poetry. Mr. Nash is known for his performances on the stump fiddle and tambourine at his church.

Mr. Nash is survived by his wife Etta L. (Miller-Tilley) Nash, whom he married June 10, 1989.

He is also survived by daughters Rita (Howard) Rich, Jr. of Mio and Arleta Joslyn of Frankfort; and son Allen (Marlene) Nash of North Bend, Oregon. Mr. Nash also leaves behind his step children Don and Judy Tilley of Bay City, Kay and Gary Taynor of Toledo, Ohio, and Judy and Don Jubar of Mio.

Mr. Nash is survived by 28 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 4 with arrangements by Orr Funeral Home in Mio. Burial was in Luzerne Cemetery following services officiated by Pastor Russell Bowman.

## Mawhorter-Trudgeon to wed



**Kathleen Mawhorter and Rene Trudgeon**

Sara Mawhorter and Calvin and Erik Trudgeon announce the engagement of their parents, Kathleen M. Mawhorter of Grayling (formerly of Gladwin) and Rene D. Trudgeon of Grayling.

Parents of the bride-elect are Nancy L. (Wyckoff) Mawhorter of Gladwin and Jerry and Joanne Mawhorter of Gladwin.

Parents of the prospective groom are Jack and Aggie Trudgeon of Grayling.

The bride-elect graduated from Gladwin High School in 1984 and the prospective groom graduated

from Grayling High School in 1984.

The bride-elect and groom are federal government technicians employed at MATES in Grayling, Kathleen as a secretary and Rene as an Electronics Mechanic.

The bride-elect and groom are both members of the Michigan Army National Guard.

Kathleen is a Sergeant assigned to 1071st Maintenance Company and Rene is a Staff Sergeant assigned to MTC.

The couple is planning an April 1 wedding at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Gladwin.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from December 26 through January 1:

One false alarm; one animal control; six assists to other departments; two breaking and enterings; one check law violation; six city ordinance violations; one civil complaint; one domestic complaint; four

larcenies; two motorist assists; three suspicious situations; one private property accident; four traffic accidents; one traffic control; seven miscellaneous. Eleven traffic warnings were also given.

A total of 52 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

## Harwood & Hanson marry



**Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson**

The parents of Jody Harwood would like to announce her marriage to John Hanson, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Hanson of Cashion, Oklahoma.

The wedding was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 18, 1999.

The newlyweds will reside in their home in Oklahoma.

# Good Health For Life

### Speaker:

Sheri Davis, PA-C, Prudenville

Jeff Fox, PA-C and Joey Malabanan, PT, Roscommon

### Good Health for Life

An opportunity to learn how you can achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Health care providers will discuss the key issues surrounding health maintenance such as preventive measures you can take to avoid specific health problems. Your health screening results will be available should you have any questions.

**Mercy Prudenville Campus**  
January 13, 6:30 - 8 pm  
**Mercy Roscommon Campus**  
January 19, 6:30 - 8 pm

### Health Screenings

Take advantage of our health screenings, providing instant results and valuable information. Offered in conjunction with the "Good Health for Life" presentation (see description above).

### Health Screen #1: \$10

- Health/Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Health History Questionnaire
- Finger Poke Blood Draw For Total Cholesterol and HDL Cholesterol (Nonfasting)

### Health Screen #2: \$20

- Health/Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Full Health Risk Appraisal
- Finger Poke Blood Draw For Total Cholesterol Blood Sugar, HDL Cholesterol and Triglycerides (Fasting For 12 Hrs)

### Call (517) 348-0708 for an appointment

**Mercy Prudenville Campus**  
January 13, 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
and 8 - 9 pm  
**Mercy Roscommon Campus**  
January 19, 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
and 8 - 9 pm



**MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING**

Partnering with **MUNSON HEALTHCARE**



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What is love, really? Is it romance...or being with people you like? Is it giving and receiving nice things? Is it about hard work, or sacrifice, or putting the needs of others first? Well, love can be about all those things. But there is one perfect love, God's love...and it can strengthen all others.

We're your neighbors, the people of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. And we want you to know that, with Jesus Christ, love really can be all it was meant to be.



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Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5921  
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now available at **The**  
**Avalanche office**



**Sunday - 1:30 pm**

**Grayling Eagles**  
**Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**

**Knights of**  
**Columbus**  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

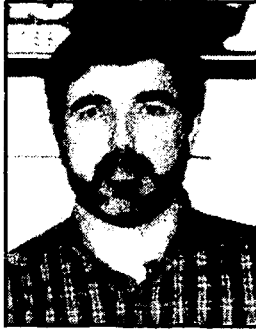
**Thursday - 6:30 pm**

**American**  
**Legion Hall**  
Post 106 Grayling

**Friday - 6:30 pm**

**Grayling Eagles**  
**Aerie #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling





**Announcing the newly remodeled Sears Grayling!**  
Introducing Randy Crocker, owner of the newly remodeled Sears Grayling! Randy's newly remodeled store is large enough to have what you need... but small enough to care who you are. He is totally committed to providing friendly, personal service and ensuring your complete satisfaction. In Randy's store, you'll find a great selection of Sears brands...plus top national names including Whirlpool, GE, Maytag, Sony, RCA and Zenith. It's your hometown store in Grayling...the newest side of Sears!

# GRAND OPENING Celebration

January 6-8, 2000

We are pleased to announce our newest location

## Grayling, MI

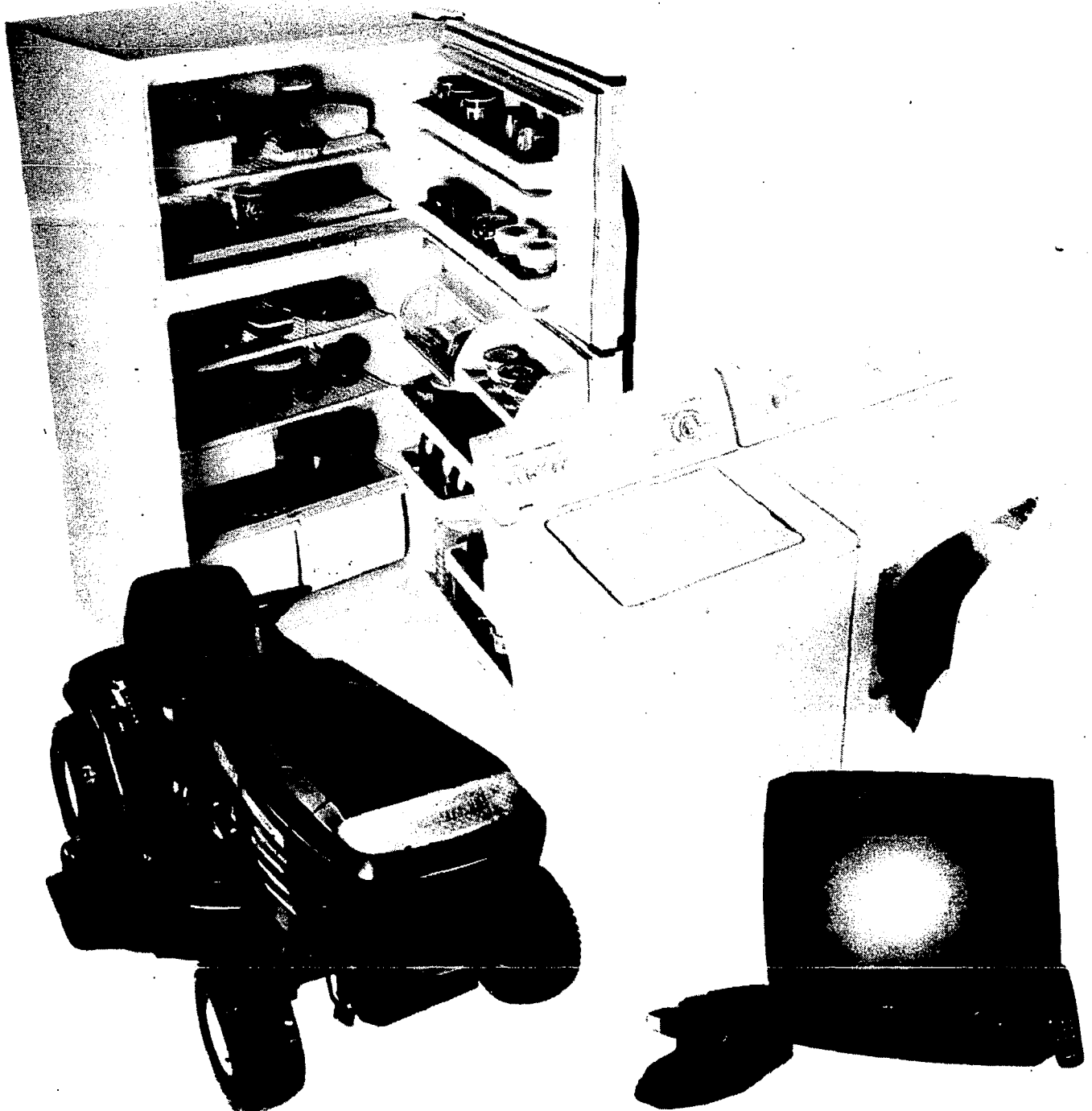
FREE gift to our first 200 customers on Saturday, January 8th

# Plus...our entire store is on sale

January 6-8 only. Excludes Exceptional Values, Special Values, Special Purchases, clearance, closeout, Maytag Gemini and Neptune models, Weber grills and Bose products.

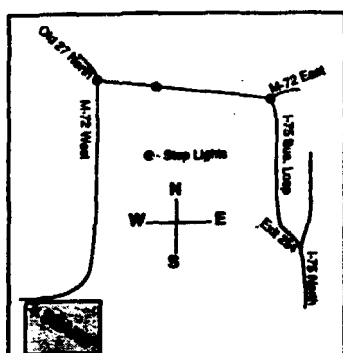
## RIBBON CUTTING SPECIALS

Saturday only! 9AM-Noon



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- A Craftsman tool chest
- A color television
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**Grayling**

Owned and operated by: Randy Crocker  
Location: 6375 M 72 West, Grayling, MI  
Phone: 517-348-2861  
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 am-6 pm  
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**YOU CAN COUNT ON SEARS FOR SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR YOUR MONEY BACK**

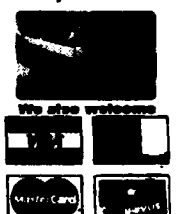
This advertisement includes many reductions, special purchases and items at our everyday low price. Environmental surcharges extra.

**IMPORTANT CREDIT TERMS:** Sales tax, delivery or installation not included in monthly payments shown. Actual monthly payment may vary depending on your current account balance and may be slightly higher in VT. **0% FINANCE CHARGE DETAILS:** Available for qualified purchases with the Sears Card. See us to ask our sales associate for this option and details. \$400 minimum purchase of qualified merchandise required to open your SearsCard PLUS account, with \$100 minimum add-on. Regular credit terms apply after 0% finance charge period. **Sears Card Terms:** Annual percentage rate is 14.99% - 25.99%. Minimum finance charge of \$.50. **SearsCard PLUS Terms:** Annual percentage rate is 21%. AR 10% as of 1/1/00, but rate may vary. Minimum monthly finance charge of \$.50. Issued by Sears National Bank.

**\*WIN A \$100 SHOPPING SPREE**

Choose from anything in the store. Just go to the Dealer Store and fill out the official entry form and drop it in the entry box by January 8. Drawing will be held at 5:00 PM on January 8. **RESTRICTIONS:** No purchase necessary to enter or claim prize. Open to U.S. residents 18 and over. Employees of Sears, Roebuck and Co., its subsidiaries, affiliates and members of the immediate households of such employees are not eligible. Void where prohibited. On an official entry form, print your name, complete address and telephone number. Place your completed entry in the entry box. Limit one entry per person per day. No mechanical reproduction permitted. A random drawing will be conducted by the local Dealer Store and winners will be notified by mail. Taxes on prizes are the responsibility of winners. By participating, entrants agree to these rules and decisions of judges which are final in all respects. Each winner agrees to the use of his/her name and/or photograph for advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation. All entries become the property of the sponsor. Sears is not responsible for late, lost or misdirected mail. No prize transfers or substitution except by Sears due to unavailability. Prizes may not be redeemed for cash or other consideration. Limit one prize per household. Odds of winning will depend on number of entries received.

**Sears Card. The one card for the many sides of Sears.**



# FOOTBALL CONTEST 1999-00

**WEEK  
# 18**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!**

Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____		Game 15 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____		Game 16 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____		Game 17 _____	
Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____		Game 18 _____	
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Game 19 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Game 20 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #20 _____	

**Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules**

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

**WEEKLY PRIZES**

- Sports Cap--Scheer Motors
- Mystery Gift--Sylvester's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Grayling Glen's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Abel Auto Parts
- FREE 20lb. Propane Cylinder Fill-Up --Fick & Sons
- \$50 Gift Cert. --Continental Rental & Sales
- One free lunch, a \$8.95 value --Grayling Holiday Inn
  - Free lube, oil and filter
- Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- \$50--Crawford County Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza --Buccilli's Pizza
- \$25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center
- One House Specialty Burrito, a \$6.95 value -- Gray Rock
- Free Single Combo Meal --Wendy's
- 3 FREE Games -- American Legion

**Week #17 Winning Games**

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Minnesota (41) | 11. Dallas      |
| 2. Green Bay      | 12. Tennessee   |
| 3. New England    | 13. Washington  |
| 4. Jacksonville   | 14. San Diego   |
| 5. Buffalo        | 15. Wisconsin   |
| 6. Carolina       | 16. Georgia     |
| 7. Oakland        | 17. Arkansas    |
| 8. Philadelphia   | 18. Nebraska    |
| 9. NY Jets (28)   | 19. MSU         |
| 10. Tampa Bay     | 20. U of M (69) |

**Week #17  
Football Contest  
Winner**
**Ryan Davis****CONGRATULATIONS!**

• Won with 16 correct  
One More Week To Go!!  
Good Luck!!

1.) Detroit vs Washington

**3 Stores in One!****RIVERLAND**
 122 Mich. Ave. • Grayling  
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6.) Detroit vs Washington



John Herrick

Ask me about the new 2000 cars, trucks and vans or close-out specials on all remaining 1999 models!

**DON NESTER**
 Located on M-76 N., Roscommon  
1-517-275-5105

11.) Detroit vs Washington

**ABEL AUTO PARTS**

- New & Used Parts Available • We Buy Wrecked Vehicles
- Best Prices In The North! • Late Model Repairables
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Located at 8255 Old 27 North, Frederic  
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16.) Detroit vs Washington



- Silk Screening
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- Engraving • Trophies
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- Banners • Awards • Flags

Larry Raymond

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2.) Buffalo vs Tennessee

**BIG  
SCREEN TV**  
• Drink Specials  
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 OPEN AT 7:00 AM • 7 DAYS A WEEK  
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7.) Buffalo vs Tennessee

**FREE DELIVERY**
 Grayling • M-72 West • 348-2961  
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12.) Buffalo vs Tennessee

**FICK & SONS**
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17.) Miami vs Seattle


 For service after the  
sale see **Cliff Wheeler**
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3.) Dallas vs Minnesota

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Buick
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8.) Dallas vs Minnesota

 Try your luck, buy your  
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FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

13.) Dallas vs Minnesota

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 Come in today & save! Lowest prices ever!  
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18.) Will Robert Porcher get a sack?


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 Football on the Big Screen Sundays & Mondays  
Drink Specials Available
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4.) Miami vs Seattle

**American Legion  
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 Join us and watch the  
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9.) Miami vs Seattle


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hamburgers  
and a whole  
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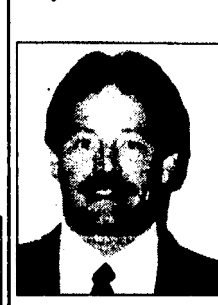
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14.) Miami vs Seattle

 Guaranteed lowest prices on  
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Largest selection of used cars  
& trucks in the North!

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19.) Buffalo vs Tennessee

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5.) Will Charlie Batch start at QB?

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for hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.  
2 bedrooms, 1 bath, perfect  
starter home or recreational  
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10.) Will Lions get 50 or more rushing yds?


**SCHEER  
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15.) Will Herman Moore catch a TD pass?


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20.) Dallas vs Minnesota

**Buccilli's  
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 Deliveries Starting At 11 am  
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Year In Review...1-5B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, January 6, 2000

From the pages of *The Avalanche*, a look back...

## 1999 Year in Review

### January

- A sudden white-out near Frederic resulted in a 125+ car pile-up in the northbound lanes of I-75 on New Year's Eve. The first reports came in at 11:54 a.m. with the report of a two car accident. Within minutes the huge pile-up occurred.

- Grayling received about 11 inches of snow on Sunday, January 3 and an additional three the next two days. The heavy snowfall put the accumulated snow level at 20 inches for the winter.

- Lynnette Corlew was selected as the new County Board of Commissioners Chairperson. Beth Wieland was selected as Vice-Chairperson and will also serve as chairperson to the Ways & Means Committee. Harold Golnick was selected as Chairman to the Law Enforcement Committee and Shelley Pinkelman was selected Chairperson to the county's Personnel and Labor Committee.

- The Road Commission filed a lawsuit against Lovells Township to settle a dispute over the exact commitment the township made to the Townline Bridge project.

- Cartwright and Danewell was broken into the evening of January 7-morning of January 8. Clothing and a small amount of cash was taken. The loss is estimated at approximately \$1,000.

- The Fish Hatchery restoration project site plan was unveiled at a meeting January 8. The plan is to re-develop the facility and surrounding area, including landscaping, trails, and planned usage for the old natural hatchery beds.

- Tom Haskel was named 1998's Citizen of the Year by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He has been very active in the Grayling Youth Boosters Club, coached youth football, basketball and soccer; he has been a referee and a fundraiser for youth activities. He works as a juvenile agent and referee for the Crawford County Probate Court and has developed several programs to help youth in trouble. He has "given selflessly for the community and its children for many years and continues to do so today."

- The Marsha Niederhouse residence in Maple Forest Township was nearly destroyed by a suspected arson fire on January 15.

- Grayling Township's recycling program won a \$500 award and a 1998 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards for its efforts for recycling and blight control. The efforts are unique in Northeast Michigan in scope and intensity and involve cooperation between citizens, businesses and local government.

- The City of Grayling raised water rates from \$1 per thousand gallons to \$1.25 because the water and sewer operations have been operating at a deficit.

- Dick Lattimer, formerly of Grayling, was inducted into the National Archery Hall of Fame. He has been associated with the sport of archery since the 1960s, when he first started doing advertising and promotional work for Fred Bear Archery.

- Grayling High School cheerleaders Jessie Becks, Jamie Anderson and Darci Trudgeon participated in half-time activities at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida. Amanda Love was also selected to go, but was unable to make the trip.



Just 12 hours before New Year's Day 1999, a sudden white-out caused a 125-car pile-up on northbound I-75 near the Frederic exit. One person was killed, and 50 people were taken to Grayling's Mercy Hospital and the Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. Local emergency services and towing companies worked well into the new year on the clean-up effort.

### February

- Three men were arrested after fleeing police on stolen snowmobiles in Waters after a 2 a.m. incident at the Hilltop Restaurant on January 28. They were arraigned on several charges, including armed robbery. The three men left the scene on snowmobiles - one of which was disabled after striking a square car allowing the State Police

to apprehend him. A K-9 unit and the Otsego County Sheriff's snowmobile patrol tracked the remaining two to a home just north of Grayling. When the home was entered, using a search warrant, the police found the two men and property reported stolen from several area break-ins, including a January robbery at Cartwright and

Danewell.

- Grayling City Police Officer Darryl Earls resigns after charges of invading his wife's privacy were filed.

- Brandi McClain was selected as 1999 Grayling Junior Miss. Danielle McClanahan was first runner-up and Amanda Love was second runner-up.

- Three 17-year old males were arrested January 30, for a West Dort Road home invasion. An arrest warrant was expected to be issued for an 18-year old from southern Crawford County on grounds of receiving and concealing stolen property in the case.

- A DEQ report indicates a 10 acre site, north of North Down

River Road and east of Stephan Bridge Road, needed cleanup. The old Bear Archery dumping site was found to contain several hazardous chemicals present at higher than acceptable levels.

- Chris and Steve Seager won the Winter Wolf Challenge triathlon which included canoeing, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Kevin Roediger, Isaac Knepper and Terry Ludwick of the Crown Jewelers' team won the Business Olympics triathlon.

- The Habitat for Humanity Valentine Cookie Walk had to be extended one day because of the tremendous response of community bakers.

- Within minutes of receiving a "be on the look out" Roscommon County Sheriff's Deputies arrested two white males for felony breaking and entering of a home on West Fletcher Road in Beaver Creek Township. Both suspects, one 18 years old and the other 29, were residents of Roscommon County.

- The Grayling City Council discussed the issue of snow removal and enforcement of the shoveling ordinances. Because no figures for cost of snow removal were gathered, the Council decided to get estimates and discuss the subject prior to a budget session.

- Crawford County's building codes were updated from 1993 to 1995/96 rules. Some of the changes pertained to guard rails, snow loads, stair systems, wall assemblies, means of exit, and sprinkler systems.

- On February 1, the Honorable John G. Hunter became the first

"county court" judge in Crawford County. Judge Hunter would continue his judicial duties in the Probate and Family Divisions, assume the District Division docket, and be stationed in Crawford County on a full-time basis. At the same time, longtime judge, Francis L. Walsh, was allowed to concentrate his efforts in Roscommon District Court.

- The Grayling High School Boys and Girls Ski Teams qualified for the State Finals, finishing third out of 14 teams at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Regional Ski Meet, held February 11 at Schuss Mountain. Both teams advanced to the State Finals in Marquette.

- The Grayling Township Board of Trustees agreed to open the Township's recycling center to all county residents. Township Supervisor Terry Wright said he had received many requests from residents living outside of Grayling Township to accept recyclables or compost materials from any county resident. Passes are now available at individual township and city offices.

- The Michigan Department of Transportation released a report listing the most aggressive road and bridge repair program in the department's history. Some of the projects in Crawford County included expanding the merge lane on southbound I-75 from M-72 to Four Mile Road, creating a third lane for that section of the expressway. The North Down River Road/I-75 full-service interchange was also listed in the Five Year Program.



On February 6, Brandi McClain was named the winner of the Junior Miss Scholarship Program held at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. (left to right) Finalists Allison Schoen, Amie Price, Krystal Savoy; 2nd runner-up Amanda Love; 1st runner-up Danielle McClanahan; 1999 Junior Miss Brandi McClain; Program Director Sandra Moore.

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The memory of Fred Bear was honored by Mayoral Proclamation, as March 5 (Bear's birthday) was named "Fred Bear Day" in the City of Grayling.

• March 5 was designated "Fred Bear Day" in Grayling. Mayor Stevens urged the citizens of Grayling and Crawford County to take a moment or so out of their busy day this Friday to reflect on the "great honor he brought to our city."

• Grayling High School wrestlers Matt Evon and Victor CdeBaca both qualified for State competition at the Individual Regionals tournament. Evon was the only wrestler out of Grayling's District to take

home a first place medal. With the wins, he broke the Grayling High School record of most wrestling victories in a season with 51.

• At the request of GUDA and the Chamber of Commerce, the Grayling City Council voted 3-2 to conduct a public hearing regarding a Downtown Development Authority. Dan Elliott, the city's DDA consultant, said that area merchants, the city council, the county, the school system and local residents must work together. The proposed DDA boundary was one of the most controversial issues. Several alternative maps were given to the city council but they stated boundaries are not satisfactory.

• At no cost to the Crawford County Historic Museum, Embroidery specialist, Larry Raymond of Sylvesters, and dressmaker Cora Flowers, owner of The Pine Needle, re-created three rare historic World War I patches, torn off two uniforms and stolen from a display case in the summer of 1998.

• The Grayling Eagles Club hosted a dinner to benefit Emily Grosskopf. The three-year old spent the month of January in Mielno, Poland at the Euromed Center receiving specialized treatment to help her learn how to use muscles she has never used due to cerebral palsy. Emily returned to Poland in May and in August for two more month-long treatments.

• A 450-gallon diesel spill was discovered at the Camp Grayling Cantonment Area above-ground tank facility located approximately

## March

five miles southwest of the city. The leak was immediately stopped and the spill was contained within the fenced-in area of the facility. A total of 1,900 yards of contaminated soil was removed. Impacted soils were removed until the extent of contamination was determined. No surface waters were impacted. To date, no groundwater has been impacted and sampling will continue.

• The Grayling High School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team ended its 1998-99 season on Saturday, March 6, by losing to a powerful Petoskey Northmen team in the District Tournament Semi-Final round.

• After two years of dedicated service to the local business and tourism community, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Porritt-McConnell announced she would leave her position as of April 30.

• At state competition, Matt Evon took second place in his weight division (103 pounds) after losing the championship match to a wrestler from Williamston. He won three matches to advance to the championship round.

• The Grayling High School Varsity Basketball Team came up one quarter short of a District Championship on Friday, March 12, after being outscored 26-13 in the fourth period by the Cheboygan Chiefs in the District final game.

• The Bears Bowmen hosted the Terry Barr Memorial Archery Shoot on Sunday at Hanson Hills. The

event was an indoor, 3-D competition that featured numerous targets, including deer, bear, boar, turkey and bobcat.

• The Crawford AuSable School Board prepared to ask the voters of Crawford County for the third time to invest in the future of Grayling High School and district students. Superintendent Kent Reynolds said, "The Board feels that we need to give it another try." The project was identical to the issue presented in the last school election held December 8.

• Grayling High School seniors Joseph Strelchuk and Nathan Brody won the blue ribbon at the Science, Math and Art Fair. Their entry was titled "PC Binary Counting with LED Display Using a Parallel Port."

• The Road Commission for Crawford County and City of Grayling got a total of \$14,000 in federal reimbursements for extensive snow removal that took place January 3, after completing the application and documentation process with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

• Grayling High School wrestler Marianne Vollmer won her second United States Girls Wrestling Association (USGWA) State Championship on Sunday, March 21, by pinning all of her opponents. It was the GHS junior's third year of State Championship attendance. She won the title of "State Champion" as a freshman, took fifth last year and reclaimed her championship title 1999.

## April

between the officer and a female inmate lodged at the county jail.

• The City Council voted unanimously to reset the public hearing for the DDA from April 26 to May 24.

• After 13 years of service to the Grayling area, Dr. Sangkyu Shin retired March 31. During that time, the OB-GYN specialist delivered approximately 2,000 babies in Grayling.

• The Road Commission for Crawford County received word that the bridge on Wilcox Bridge Road has been accepted into the state's Critical Bridge program for replacement, just after funding was secured for another area bridge over the East Branch of the AuSable on Lewiston Grade Road.

• A pair of safety grants from MDOT will be used to help rebuild North Down River Road from east of the I-75 ramps to just past the curve at Wilcox Bridge Road. The grants require a local match of 20 percent.

• J. Warren Grooters, 70, of Grayling won \$700 on the Michigan Lottery's television game show, *Road to Riches*.

• With reservation and much hesitation, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 approving an average 8.46 percent pay raise for court employees. Since the court consolidation began, court employees have been paid on a lesser scale than court employees in Otsego and other counties.

• The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has received good news about the finances for fiscal year 1998. There were only three remaining areas, within the

County's functions, which still needed some attention - grant funding, the general fixed asset account (used for tracking inventory of County assets), and helping the Crawford County Library Board with their needs.

• Grayling High School junior Nate Hinkle was named to the Detroit Free Press' Class B All State "Third Team" for basketball. He led the GHS Varsity Basketball Team in scoring, rebounds, steals and three-point shooting during the season, and was named to the All-NEMC "First Team."

• The Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees discussed development of a master plan for the township which includes a mall at Four Mile Road near I-75. The master plan allows the township to outline what it wants in the way of development, both commercial and residential for the future.

• The official groundbreaking for the new Grayling Baptist Church took place Sunday, April 18 at the new church site on Madsen Street. Beth Seator, who donated the land for the church, moved the first shovel.

• Northern Lower Michigan was placed under a five-day Fire

Weather Warning by the National Weather Service. Area soil was extremely dry, the relative humidity was very low, vegetation was dry and windy conditions existed.

• Members of the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team responded to a call regarding a possible barricaded gunman in Beaver Creek Township. The suspect, wanted on outstanding felony warrants, surrendered without incident while the home he was hiding in, near Fletcher and South Grayling Road, was surrounded by members of several law enforcement agencies. He was arrested and lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

• Grayling High School's Junior Varsity Baseball Team opened its 1999 season by sweeping five straight doubleheaders, for a total of 10 wins and 0 losses.

• Emily Henion earned the title of "State Champion" at the K of C Free Throw Championship at Pewamo-Westphalia School. Competing against seven other regional winners, Henion hit 21 of 25 to take the championship title. To get to the final competition, Henion hit 22/25 at regionals, 19/25 at districts and a perfect 15/15 in the local tournament.



The 6th annual Milltown Follies raised over \$1,300 for Habitat for Humanity. (above) The Milltown Tappers perform one of their four routines at the event, which was held on April 16 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Average age of the Follies performers: 80.

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# May

• A fire started May 1 during firing exercises at Camp Grayling's Range 40 burned nearly 4,000 acres north of Grayling. All but 11 acres were confined to the range. At one point, a smoke column reached 9,000 feet. Due to possibly unexploded ordnance on the range there were no firefighting efforts inside the range. Rainfall on May 6 and May 8 helped extinguish the smoldering fire.

• Grayling's Mercy Hospital employees were notified 21 full time equivalencies (FTE) would be eliminated from the hospital's budget. How many people will be affected is uncertain due to programs set up for transfers to Munson or voluntary separation. Reduced government reimbursement to pay for the care of Medicare and Medicaid patients along with higher costs for prescription drugs are the reasons for the budget cuts, officials said.

• The Mercy Day Care Center, always a money loser, announced it would close permanently June 4, leaving six people, including the manager, out of work.

• A Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) fundraiser was planned to raise money to build a boardwalk and benches in the Grayling City Park. A quilt depicting businesses and activities in Grayling was raffled off to provide funds for the improvements.

• Meetings with all district students were held from May 3 to May 5 to get the facts out about a threat made at the high school, dispel rumors, and have an open discussion of issues related to school safety. The meetings were called as a result of a threat written on a boys bathroom wall at the high school discovered April 29. The threat

took on added significance in light of the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado earlier this month.

• May 9 was proclaimed "Nelson Appleton Miles Day." A proclamation thanked Miles for his many contributions to Grayling including his work with the Rotary Club, the revival of Hanson Hills in the 1970s, service as a Mercy Hospital board member, acting board member of Northern National Bank (Chemical Bank) and service as City Attorney for several years.

• For the first time since 1850, a state-wide effort to accurately validate the property corners has been initiated. Township boundaries were scheduled to be completed this summer, along with the boundary line between Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

• Dougie Slater, a 10-year-old local karate student, successfully tested for his first degree black belt last month in Detroit. He has trained for five years under Master Gary Hasson of Grayling. Slater is the youngest student Hasson has ever promoted to black belt in over 35 years of teaching.

• Mark McNally was hired to fill the corrections officer position left open at the County Jail when Mike Johnson resigned.

• Beaver Creek Township officials and the Road Commission for Crawford County studied the re-opening of South King Road to Higgins Lake. Temporarily closed in 1995 to help prevent erosion and reduce water pollution. The site never re-opened, as planned, after the erosion problems were under control.

• Mike Girard, Frederic Township Building and Zoning Administrator, presented an idea to the township



In May, the DNR's Fisheries Division completed a project at Shupac Lake, helping to maintain the lake's decent trout population for fishing. (above) Fisheries Technician Mike Phillips checks a fyke net.

board to combine his duties with that of a township police officer, enabling him to perform law enforcement responsibilities in addition to his current job. This would help fill some of the gaps opened due to cutbacks in the Sheriff's budget. Girard would address local law concerns such as vandalism, snowmobile complaints during winter months, performing cabin checks, stray dog and animal

control calls, trespassing, juvenile problems and littering. This proposed position would also help in taking care of problems with zoning, he said.

• Among the retirees from Crawford AuSable Schools were two longtime administrators, Melvin G. "Pat" Nunn, principal of Frederic Elementary and Michael J. Branch, Grayling Middle School Principal.

# June

• A midmorning chain reaction accident on M-72 West, near M-93, sent three people to the hospital, though no one was seriously injured. Three of six people involved were taken to the hospital for treatment.

• Melvin G. "Pat" Nunn was recognized by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and presented a plaque by Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield for keeping the Junior Deputy Program alive in the school district.

• Nate Hinkle, a junior track athlete at Grayling High School, took second place in the high jump at the State Track Meet on June 5, with a jump of 6'8". The leap was a personal best for Hinkle.

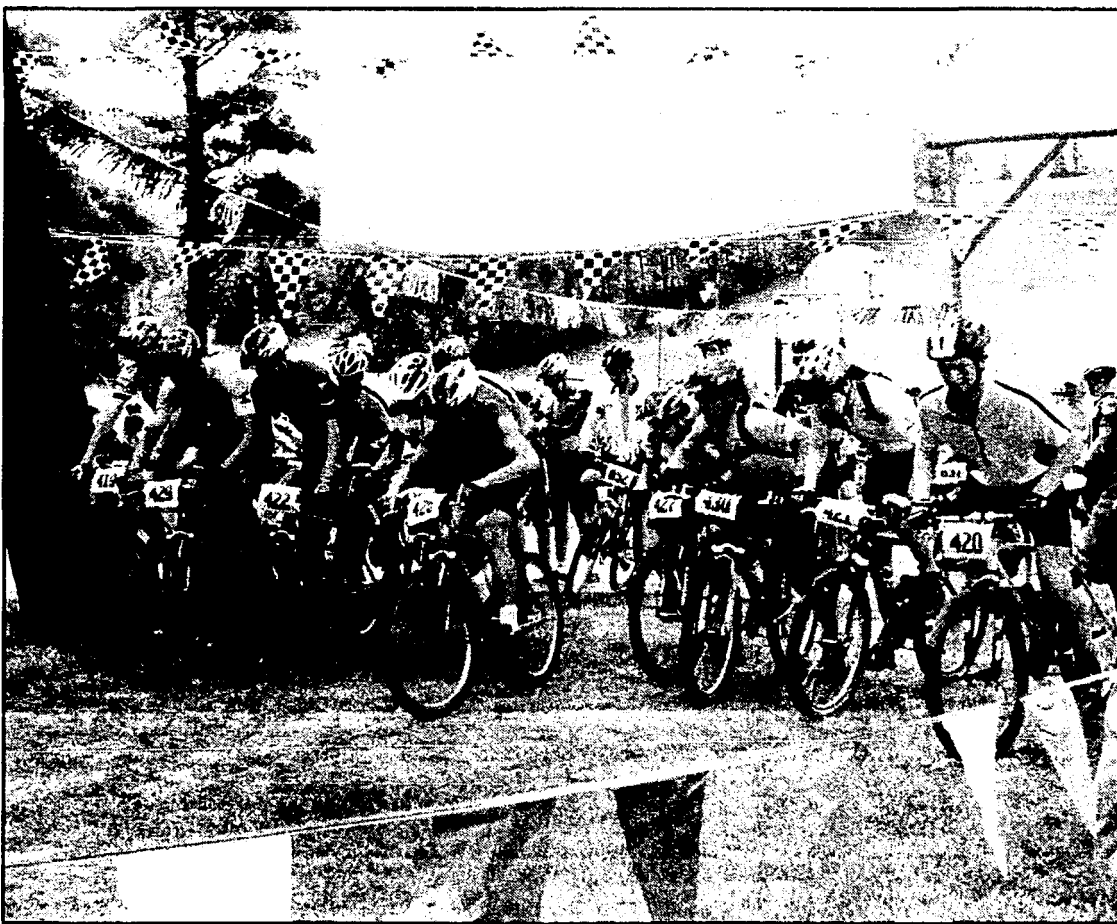
• Memorial Day thundershowers held off for just enough time to allow Grayling Little League to dedicate the Senior League Baseball Field in honor of Michael J. Hatfield and the American Legion Post 106. Many people turned out for the ceremony, which recognized the five Crawford County servicemen who died during the Vietnam War. The theme of the dedication was, "Those who sacrifice should never be forgotten."

• For the third time in 12 months, a \$14.94 million high school improvement bond issue failed to be approved by the voters in the June 14 school election. Overall, the issue failed to pass by 195 votes - the worst loss yet. Nearly 79% of voters chose not to exercise their right to have a say in the school improvement decision.

• Crawford AuSable School District voters overwhelmingly elected retired Frederic Elementary School Principal Melvin "Pat" Nunn to a seat on the Board of Education in the June 14 election. Gary J. Pettyjohn retained his seat on the Board.

• The Frederic Township Board tabled a proposal to create a police officer position for the township following the resignation of Frederic Township Treasurer Jon McLeod, leaving a vacancy on the board. The Board chose to wait until the vacancy was filled to further consider the police issue.

• Frederic Township resident Stephen Mulder filed a petition with the Crawford County Election Commission to recall the entire Frederic board. The Commission scheduled a hearing to review the recall petition language.



Hanson Hills hosted the Fat Tire Festival bicycle races on June 5 and 6.

• Local service clubs can lawfully continue to use the city streets for fund raising efforts, a decision made by the Grayling City Council after confirming the city is free from liability in case of a mishap. In-the-street fund raising is allowed during bad weather and City Police will determine how "safe" the weather is on any given day.

• The Crawford County Election Commission approved the language on the recall petition for the Frederic Township Board filed by Stephen Mulder. Discrepancies stated are: the Board approved the creation of a law enforcement department without going to the voters; there was conflict of interest when the Board decided to appoint Mike Girard, Zoning Administrator and Trustee, to the position of police officer; the Board created a month by month trash removal agreement with Alpine Refuse Collectors without going through the sealed bid process as required by law.

• The 46th Circuit Trial Court opened a web site. It is the first of its kind in Michigan to offer on-line pleas to minor offenses, payment of

fines and court costs with a credit card, reports to probation officers, limited Friend of the Court information and contact with the jury coordinator.

• The union workers for The Road Commission for Crawford County have been working without a valid contract and in negotiations for over a year. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is concerned whether the Road Commission Board has the welfare of the taxpayers in mind.

• The deteriorating condition of the railroad crossing on Michigan Avenue at the driveway of the Crawford County Courthouse was addressed by the railway, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Grayling, with improvements planned for mid-August.

• Soldiers from the Baltic nations of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia trained at Camp Grayling alongside U.S. National Guard troops for two weeks as part of an operation called "Partner Challenge," the first multi-national and multi-state exercise hosted by the National Guard in the United States.



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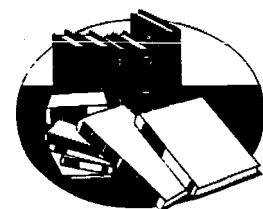


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P.S. Because of the body changes that accompany the aging process, older people should have their feet measured frequently.



## July

- County Commissioners were concerned about the amount of time the negotiation process with the Road Commission is taking regarding the lack of a union contract. Raises since 1993 have not kept up with the cost of living. Negotiations will continue.

- The County Board discussed the position of drain commissioner and learned if the position is not with the Road Commission it must be an elected position. The position will remain with the Road Commission until election time.

- The County Board protested the high cost of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) summer conference on Mackinaw Island by way of a boycott.

- The first 24-hour "Relay for Life" was held at the Grayling High School track, a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. More than \$6,500 was raised.

- Crawford County's non-motorized pathway committee received a \$594,269 grant for the planning and construction of "Phase One" of a proposed trail network from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School (7.7 miles). The grant includes preliminary engineering for Phase Two, from Hanson Hills to Hartwick Pines trail system, installing pathways from Grayling High School to the state park.

- Susan Sturock was hired as the new Principal of the Frederic Elementary School.

- H & D submitted the low bid for this summer's resurfacing of North Down River Road. A new intersection at the Wilcox Bridge/North Down River Road was included.

- A 19-year-old Grayling man was arrested for attempting to rob Country's North Branch Store, brandishing a knife, on July 2. The

store owner drew a weapon and attempted to detain the suspect, but he fled the scene in a vehicle. He was later arrested without incident about 10 miles away.

- At a special meeting July 6, the Crawford County Housing Commission fired Director Sandy Brody after an audit revealed low performance in many areas of her administrative duties and questionable expenditures. Not long after the vote, Robert Golnick, resigned from the commission in protest.

- Grayling Police Chief Pete Stephan announced he would retire and his last day would be July 16. He had been Grayling City Police Chief since October 1, 1972.

- Former Crawford County Corrections Officer David Bendig was arraigned in 83rd District Court on July 9 with one count of larceny for taking money from an inmate's personal belongings. Travis Roberts was hired as the new corrections officer.

- State Representative Rich Johnson (102nd District) and Ken Bradstreet (105th District) met with representative of the Road Commission for Crawford County to discuss a potential reconstruction of the segmented North Higgins Lake Drive.

- At an open house hosted by the Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department, a new pumper truck was unveiled and dedicated to 27-year department veteran Chuck Stoddard. Stoddard was visibly surprised by the dedication and humbly accepted the honor. A plaque with his name and years of service was installed in the truck's cab in his honor.

- The Frederic Township Board passed a motion to pay homage to the late Betty Sajdak by commemo-



Over 80 walkers took part in "Relay for Life" at the GHS track, raising over \$6,500 to help cancer victims.

rating the township park in her honor. Improving the park was one of Sajdak's goals as a township trustee.

- Members of the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) met with the County Commissioners in an effort to persuade the county to support the efforts to form a Downtown Development Authority.

- Three-time defending AuSable Marathon champs Serge Corbin of St. Boniface de Shawnigan, Quebec and Jeff Kolka of Grayling paddled their way to an unprecedented fourth consecutive victory Sunday, July 25 at North America's richest, toughest non-stop canoe race - the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

- The Crawford County Board of

Commissioners agreed to be part of the DDA, if formed, on July 21. The Board agreed that the creation and support of the DDA would enhance the community and raise the value of the entire county through economic growth and increase revenues in the future.

- Two separate motions to adopt a resolution of establishment for the Downtown Development Authority in Grayling failed July 26, both by a 3-2 vote. D.J. Brown and Marilyn Palmer were the only two council members to vote "yes."

- After advertising in several area newspapers for a new Housing Director, the Crawford County Housing Commission Board decided to combine the positions of Director and Inspector, giving the job to Inspector Cy Wakeley.

## August

- Melvin Nunn and Gary Pettyjohn were sworn in at the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education's organizational meeting. School Board President Marilyn Rosi was re-elected, Karl Schreiner was elected Vice President, Carol Ramaswamy was elected Secretary and Jack Pilon was elected Treasurer.

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners made appointments to three separate county-related entities at their July 21 meeting. Jennie Hatfield and Gerald F. Zinzo were appointed to the Commission on Aging. Jeannette Kitchen and Fred Schaubly were appointed to the Crawford County Transportation Authority, and Beth Wieland was appointed to represent the County with the Northeast Michigan Consortium.

- Grayling's old rural addresses are no longer recognized by the United States Postal Service due to the installation of new sorting equipment in Gaylord. Use of old

addresses may make mail "undeliverable."

- The Road Commission for Crawford County finalized an agreement with Frederic Township to rebuild a section of Cameron Bridge Road from Deward Road to Kolka Creek Road.

- A 1999 Buick belonging to Linda Goodale was recovered on August 7, three days after being stolen from in front of Sorenson Funeral Home the night before her grandmother's funeral. Goodale left the car running while retrieving photographs and other items from inside the funeral home that were to be part of the funeral service the next day. The photos and memorabilia were found scattered around the car about one mile north of Frederic.

- After much discussion and in the wake of last April's threat to the safety of students and staff at Grayling High School, the Board of Education recently adopted District Priority Goals for the 1999-2000

school year. The top two on the list of 16 goals is to develop and implement a district crisis response plan and a pro-active district violence prevention program. The third goal was high school infrastructure needs.

- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources issued a quit claim deed to Crawford County for five acres of land for the purpose of building a new animal shelter.

- The Crawford County Library Board of Directors gave a presentation of conceptual drawings for a new single-level library to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The Library Board asked for permission to proceed with planning and development, as well as to pursue a bond issue for capital and possibly operating costs. The commissioners voted unanimously to allow the library board to proceed.

- A suspect was been arrested in connection with the theft of a car from the driveway of the Sorenson

Funeral Home. The suspect was arrested without incident on August 18 following an investigation by the Grayling City Police and the recovery of "items of significant sentimental value," some as far as 150 miles away.

- In South Branch Township on August 23, A 38-year-old unidentified South Branch Township woman was walking on a road in a wooded area, when she was assaulted by a man brandishing a large knife. She talked her way out of any harm and was able to break free and flee to a nearby home to call 911. Clinton Alley, 43, of South Branch Township was ordered to be held in the Crawford County Jail on a cash bond of \$50,000.

- Grayling High School students Brad Gorski and Rusty Strohpaal returned from a trip to the Netherlands and Belgium where they were members of an all-star group of 16-18 year old baseball players representing the United States.

## September

- Due to increasing complaints, Sheriff David Lovely asked the Law Enforcement Committee about hiring a part-time animal control officer, but is not sure how the position would be funded.

- Instead of a Downtown Development Authority, the Grayling City Council resolved on August 30, to create a nine-person

Community Improvement Authority to bring about improvements in the downtown area.

- Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright was named recipient of the American Homeown Leadership Award for outstanding leadership of America's smaller communities. The township was awarded an economic development grant of \$1,000 in Wright's honor.

- A month-long investigation of a suspected drug trafficker in Frederic Township ended in a search of the home, netting about six pounds of marijuana, measuring scales, detailed records of multiple marijuana buyers and \$4,000 in cash.

- A Frederic man was arrested for the shooting death of a neighbor's dog. It was initially thought that the dog had been injured and that the dog was shot as a mercy killing. However, a friend of the dog's owner witnessed the shooting and indicated otherwise.

- The Road Commission for Crawford County's board adopted a policy called the "Local Road Cost Sharing Policy," allocating a specified amount of money each year for townships to use in local road projects.

- The County Board recently agreed to let the Building and

Zoning Department raise building permit and inspection fees

- Six candidates filed for three city council positions up for election November 2: incumbents Ralph Stevens, Robert B. Golnick and Robert J. Ruddy, along with newcomers Brian D. Banda, Jerry W. Hayes, and Dave Wyman.

- After 41 years in funeral services, Derek and Denise McEvers have sold their funeral home business in Grayling and retired.

- An investigation conducted at the request of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, revealed at least eight alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act made by the Board of the Road Commission for Crawford County. County Prosecutor John Huss presented the findings during his report to the Board at their September 15 meeting.

- Going on two separate tips concerning a drug deal taking place in a boy's bathroom at Grayling High School, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested four male students September 16 on charges of possession/sale of controlled substances in a "drug-free" school zone.

- On September 14, the Frederic Township Board voted to pay its

annual participation fee to the State Police STING program, about \$1,500, but the Board would like someone from STING to explain the program in detail.

- The Frederic Township Board was still working on creating a police officer position for the township. A special committee was created to review police department policies and procedures that could be used by the township if the proposed police position is approved by the board.

- The Crawford AuSable School's Board of Education hired retired middle school principal Mike Branch as a Home School Liaison for a one-year trial of a new program geared to identify which families are home schooling and determine what role the district can play in assisting those families.

- Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford, announced his retirement, effective October 1, after 27 years of service.

- Meghan Thomas and her horse "Somethin' mothin'" won the state title in the 3-D at the Michigan National Barrel Horse Association State Championship. She has qualified to run in the World Championships to be held in Memphis, Tennessee in 2000.

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## October

• A shipment of reactor fuel rods containing weapon-grade plutonium destined for Ontario, Canada is scheduled to travel north on I-75, through the heart of Crawford County, sometime late this month on its journey through Michigan. The shipment will also cross bridges spanning Rep. of the Five Great Lakes. Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) and other members of Congress from Michigan requested the Department of Energy accept public comment on the matter before the nuclear material makes its way through the state. The shipment was later postponed.

• Terry McGregor was named the "Acting City Manager" by the Grayling City Council, until the city can complete the process of selecting the next manager, following the

recent retirement of Jerry Morford, the City Manager for 27 years.

• The AuSable River System Property Owners Association's "Cedars for the AuSable" program distributed 1,200 cedars to 85 area residents for planting on the watersheds of the AuSable and Manistee.

• The Beal Plantation, a 111-year old forestry experiment conducted by William J. Beal, was formally dedicated in a special ceremony after several years worth of work to save the plantation.

• The Frederic Township Board approved the Frederic Manistee River Zoning District, a proposal worked on by the Frederic Zoning Board for over a year. The plan resulted in the designation of the Manistee River corridor in Frederic Township as its own zoning district.

with its own zoning regulations.

• Six GHS students were expelled for drug possession and distribution. All sophomores and juniors, the six can return to GHS only if several conditions are met, including taking part in counseling, continuing their education, and remaining drug-free.

• GHS varsity football team receiver Jeremy Latuszek caught 15 passes for 215 yards and one TD in a game versus Bay City John Glenn. The all-time state record for receptions in a game is 16.

• Margaret and Thomas Drouillard were sentenced to 10 days in jail in an animal abuse and neglect case involving 15 pets. Thomas can never own a pet again, according to the court order.

• The junior varsity football team wrapped up a successful season at 8

wins, 1 loss.

• After over a year of planning and preparation by the Road Commission for Crawford County, the North Down River Road repaving project was completed by H & D, Inc. A section of the road-way was repaved, and a new intersection was installed at Wilcox Bridge Road.

• Five candidates campaign for three open seats on the Grayling City Council, including incumbents Robert Golnick and Robert Ruddy, and Brian Banda, Dave Wyman, and Jerry Hayes.

• Bill Gannon resigned from the Road Commission for Crawford County Board as the results of an investigation into alleged Open Meetings Act by the board are announced.

## November

• Work begins and ends on the railroad crossing in front of the Crawford County Courthouse. More work is scheduled for 2000.

• GHS cross country runners Kathy Wyman and Karen Wyman place 12th and 15th at Regionals to qualify for State competition.

• Forty percent of the class of 2000, 53 students in all, qualified for \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award scholarships by scoring a "one" or "two" on the MEAP.

• City voters elected three new members to the Grayling City Council: Brian Banda, Jerry Hayes and Dave Wyman.

• The 7th grade GMS girls basketball team finished its season by winning the Houghton Lake tournament, beating HL in the championship game.

• Several GHS students were among those gathered at the Otsego County Circuit Courtroom in Gaylord for a presentation by Michigan Supreme Court Justices.

• An American Indian statue placed on the grave of Chad Denton by his grandparents was stolen. Denton was killed in a car accident in 1989.

• The GHS JV girls basketball team, led by Emily Henion, Jamie Dent, and Gina Thompson, capped its season with a win, finishing at 19-1 for the year. The team stifled opponents all season with its strong defensive play.

• The GHS baseball field was worked on by a group of volunteers. The one-day, all-day project involved adding a warning track, moving the fence back, reworking the infield, and putting new dirt in the batting cages.

• The Frederic Township Board voted down a proposal to install



The annual Buck Pole at Skip's Sport Shop displayed deer on the first two days of firearm season, November 15 and 16. In all, 42 bucks were shown at the competition.

Township Trustee and Zoning Administrator Mike Girard as a township police officer. The measure failed by a 3-2 vote.

• The opening day of firearm deer season brought in the hunters. The Buck Pole at Skip's Sport Shop, held the first two days of the season, displayed a total of 42 bucks. Matt Harwood of Grayling took top honors with his 180-pound buck, which had a rack of 139.5 total inches.

• Five GHS varsity football players earned All-Conference honors: Ray Trudgeon, 1st team; and honorable mentions Levi Burkett, Eli

Tobin, Jeremy Latuszek, and Marc Weaver.

• Major Thomas E. Perry of Beaver Creek Township was appointed to the Road Commission for Crawford County Board by the County Board of Commissioners.

• The GHS Players performed three evenings of the romantic comedy/musical *Meet Me In St. Louis*. Hundreds of people showed up for the events, which were held at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

• The State of Michigan Department of Military Affairs State Military Board extended the

land lease to Grayling Recreation Authority another 15 years for the use of the land at Hanson Hills. GRA manages the land on a non-profit basis.

• Several GHS soccer players received All-Conference and other honors: Kyle Langseth, All-Region, All-District, and All-NEMC; Josh Petrie, All-NEMC 2nd team; Josh Brannan, All-NEMC 2nd team; Kane Madsen, All-District; Mike Pappas, All-NEMC 2nd team; and All-NEMC honorable mentions Derek Gregorich, Dan Mead, and Justin Fenn.

## December

• An eventful Christmas Walk was held in Grayling, kicking off the Christmas season in town. The Grayling Uptown District Association's Christmas Home Tour displayed five area residences: the Bondar home, the Papendick house, Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery, Lucky Fox Lodge, and the Nelson house.

• Local Tiger Cub Scouts and Grayling scout Matt Evon were recognized by Mayor Marilyn Palmer on behalf of the city for separate projects involving improvements to the city. The Tiger Scouts raked and cleaned the Tiger Park, and Evon's Eagle Scout Project resulted in the improvement of the mini-park across the street from Mercy Hospital.

• The county's pathway committee submitted a second grant for a trail connecting the already-funded trail from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School to be built in 2000 to Hartwick Pines. The grant application also includes a feasibility study for a trail from North Higgins Lake State Park to the City of Grayling at Industrial Drive.

• Leslie Devereaux of South Branch Township offered a \$500,000 donation to the effort for a new Crawford County Library, contingent on the passing of a millage for the new building and the commemoration of the library in honor of her parents.

• Grayling Township was passed up by the Michigan Development

Corporation for a Renaissance Zone, which could have drawn more industry to Grayling by offering tax incentives to businesses.

• The biggest crowd for any recent Meet the Team Night was in attendance as the seven Grayling basketball teams and four cheerleading squads were announced for the '99-00 season. The event was preceded by a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and included four scrimmages.

• The sewer pipe over the AuSable in front of Ray's Canoe Livery was removed by city workers and Jack Millikin, Inc. after the project was approved by the City Council. The pipe was no longer needed following a reworking of the library's septic system.

• Hanson Hills' new skate park opened in the Fred Bear Memorial Center. The park has two quarter pipes, two fun boxes, and a pyramid ramp. More equipment will be added as the money becomes available.

• The City Council conducted interviews with seven applicants for the Grayling City Manager position. The Council plans to conduct a second interview with two of the candidates.

• Two GMS students were sentenced in a drinking/rock throwing incident. Their punishment included 50 hours community service, paying court costs, and the two are to have no contact with each other, among several other stipulations.

• Alton T. Davis was re-appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as the Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Court for another two years.

• GHS basketball player Nate Hinkle passed Jim Tobin's career scoring mark of 1,337 points in a 94-82 victory at Gladwin.

• Old 27 resurfacing from M-93 to Hulbert Road was approved for funding at the Road Commission's annual eight-county Task Force Meeting.

• With a unanimous vote by the Township Board, Frederic changed its five-person Zoning Board to a seven-member Planning

Commission.

• The petition requirements for a recall effort initiated earlier in the year against four members of the Frederic Township Board were not fulfilled, so the recall will not be on a ballot.

• The CASD Board of Education approved two GHS bond issues for the June 12 election: one for renovations, including a new cafeteria and kitchen, and one for access reconfiguration and a new gym.

• After four years without raises due to lack of funds, most county employees received increases in pay.

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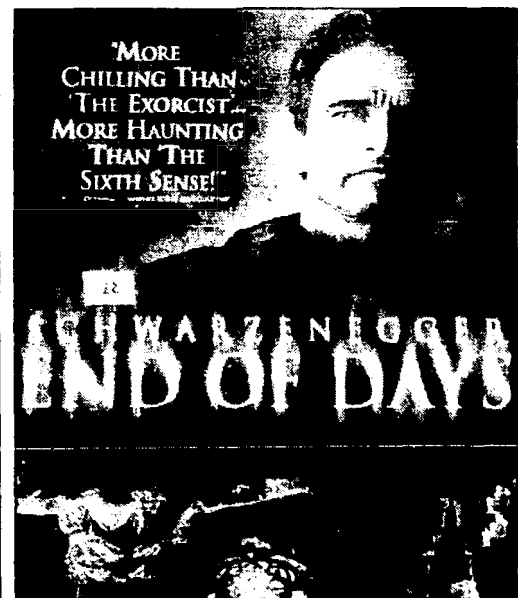
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# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 9-15

### Aries

March 21-April 20

Even though you're still determined to go ahead with it, you need to take a step back from your tentative plan this week. You haven't thought things through. When friends ask you to take a break at the end of the week, don't hesitate to do so.

### Taurus

April 21-May 21

You may have missed an important signal or message at work last week. Stop and think before the week starts to go sour. Whatever you've missed could rain on your parade. Don't get grouchy with an elderly relative who needs some encouragement.

### Gemini

May 22-June 21

A close friend is being really stubborn about a potentially serious health problem. It's up to you to take the bull by the horns. During the next few weeks, you'll face some trying times at work. Don't neglect your partner.

### Cancer

June 22-July 22

You have let something you enjoy doing go by the wayside. Whether it's music, sports or volunteer work, this is the week to start enjoying it again. Family members are depending on you to make some plans. Don't let them down.

### Leo

July 23-August 23

Feel like you're neglecting your friends? Make up for it this week by planning a dinner party for them. Be on your best behavior at work the next few days. Someone in authority is keeping an eye on your progress.

### Virgo

August 24-September 22

Keep your temper in check. If you don't, it may cause you serious problems at work and home. This is the perfect week to review your investments or savings plans. Get some help from a financial expert.

### Libra

September 23-October 23

Conditions are favorable this week for you at work. You'll be seen in a good light, especially when it comes to an important job or project. However, don't put all your eggs in one basket. Be careful not to pick up on a friend's negativity.

### Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Don't allow yourself to become involved in an argument between family and friends. Issues may really heat up this week, and you definitely want to stay clear of the problem. It may be a good weekend to visit someone out of town.

### Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

You need to challenge yourself this week to find new ways to obtain success at work. Don't get bogged down in office politics or in the attitude of other members of your "team." Find time this week for a child in your life.

### Capricorn

December 22-January 20

It's important that you learn how to express yourself better. Whether it's at home or work, people are having trouble understanding what you are trying to get across. You may want to prepare yourself for the unexpected this week.

### Aquarius

January 21-February 18

This is not the week to tackle financial problems. You'll have plenty of time to handle money problems later in the month when you're in a better frame of mind. Whatever you do, don't ignore a problem brewing at home.

### Pisces

February 19-March 20

Your methodology needs to undergo a transformation. People are beginning to tire of the same of you. What will it take for you to undergo a change? Listen to someone you trust, especially an older relative who may have the best advice.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Blueberry Swirl Cheesecake

Serves 6-8

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. vanilla extract  
2 eggs  
1 (9") graham cracker pie crust  
1 can (21 oz.) more fruit blueberry filling

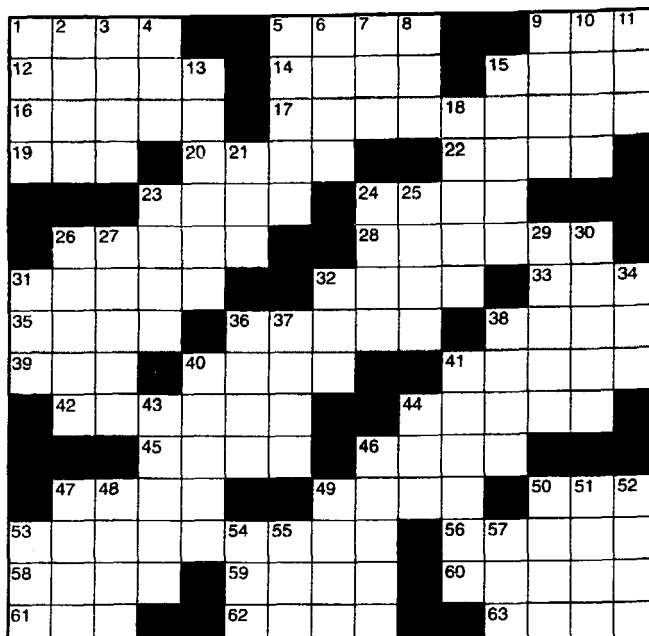
1. Preheat oven to 350.

Mix together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Add eggs; mix well. 2. Pour into the prepared pie shell. Spoon about 1/3 of fruit filling on top. Gently swirl with knife. 3. Bake for 40 minutes of until center is set. Cool to room temperature; refrigerate. Serve topped with remaining fruit filling.



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### ACROSS

1. Hawaiian landscape feature
5. Ice formation, informally
9. Gary's state; abbr.
12. Hockey offense
14. Nobelist Weisel
15. One of Monty Hall's three
16. Bullring
17. Sets free
19. Thomas Jefferson's hair color
20. Brit's farewell
22. Olden word of woe
23. Bonanza character
24. Dandy's prop
26. Copycats
28. Tickle one's fancy
31. Hard as
32. Don a sari
33. Brolly carrier's wear
35. Director Zinneman
36. Chlorophyll color
38. Drake U.'s state
39. House site
40. Codger
41. Star; suffix
42. Pyle portrayer
44. Doctrine
45. Employ
46. Mayberry lad
47. Take it comes (2 wds.)

### DOWN

49. Swimwear tops
50. Pay-view
53. Vociferated
56. Avoid
58. Strip of wood
59. American women could do it in 1920
60. The Birds and the Bees actor
61. Pamper
62. Fiscal period, usually
63. Not Fahr.
25. To (unanimous)
26. Ruth topper
27. Michelangelo masterpiece
29. Be a scene-stealer
30. Performed a carpentry task
31. Gridiron grp.
32. Kind of blanket
34. TV's 54, for one
36. Injure a matador
37. He ran against George and Bill
38. Conversational phrase
40. Rica
41. Out of bed
43. Constructed
44. Tax figurer; abbr.
46. Chaos antonym
47. Wheel holder
48. Lyricless singing style
49. Obsolete VCR tape
50. the way
51. Utopia
52. Part of overhead
53. Geller's claim to fame; abbr.
54. Author Compton-Burnett
55. Domineering Stooze
57. Singer Damone

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

January 6, 1977

The Grayling Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 75 calls during 1976, according to Fire Chief Joe White, 19 of which occurred during the month of December.

Lance Cpl. Chris Golnick of North Carolina spent his 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Golnick. Also joining the family for the Christmas weekend was a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mitchell of Detroit.

Union workers on strike at Bear Archery for the ninth month remain hopeful that negotiations will resume and be fruitful. Vice President Bob Kelly has stated that there are no plans to move the plant as long as it continues to make bows and arrows at a profit.

The "White Pine Stampede" will soon become a familiar name to cross country ski advocates, due to the combined efforts of the Chambers of Commerce of Crawford, Antrim, Kalkaska and Otsego counties. The largest cross country ski meet in the state will occur February 5, starting at Twin Peaks in Frederic and ending at Mount Mancelona 50 kilometers away.

### 46 Years Ago

January 7, 1954

Pvt. Gary Hatfield has been notified by the War Department that he is to be awarded a Bronze Star for distinguished service rendered during the Korean conflict. Near Sokkogae, Korea, he personally destroyed an enemy bunker and continued the advance up the hill to take over an unmanned machine gun. The helped greatly in repelling the enemy counterattack. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield, Sr. Bright Lake and Glory Lake have

been closed to all fishing as of January 1. Both lakes have been reclassified as trout lakes and thus go on the "No fishing" list.

The Grayling Winter Sports Park will be in full operation this weekend providing more snow and cold weather comes soon. The ski slopes are open but the ice rink and toboggan.

Six young people from Houghton Lake were released over the weekend by Sheriff John A. Papendick with a stern warning that anyone caught in the Winter Sports Park after operating hours would be brought in. They had built a bonfire and everyone is aware of what has happened in the past. The park has been nearly burned out of business.

The Grayling High Vikings were rated the seventh Class C basketball team in Michigan by the Detroit Free Press this week. Grayling's 299 points scored against their opponents 183 looks like the best scoring record of the top seven with the exception of first place Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Wert of Grayling welcomed a son, at noon last Thursday, December 31. He was the last child born in 1953. They also had twin sons born on January 1, 1953, the first set of twins born in 1953 at Mercy Hospital.

### 69 Years Ago

January 8, 1931

Harold Skingley has leased the T.E. Douglas garage on Cedar Street, across from Corwin Auto Sales.

Grayling Mercantile's pre-inventory sale ad offers house frocks 79¢, ladies 4-buckle arctics \$1.98, boys knickers \$1 a pair, double blankets \$2.19.

Sixteen cases appear on the Circuit Court calendar for the January term, five of which are criminal cases. The people will be

represented for the first time by the newly elected prosecuting attorney, Marius Insley.

Alfred Hanson is advertising the new 1931 Pontiac 2 door sedan, equipped and delivered, \$741.50 and the Oakland at \$966.50.

The eighth grade held a class meeting and the following officers were elected: President, Sam Gust; Vice-president, Jean Peterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Josephine Robarge; Reporter, George Lietz. Miss Berry is class advisor.

The Charity Ball, a benefit party given each year by the Hospital Aid Society was as usual, one of the finest and loveliest social events of the holiday season. Mrs. Lorane Sparkes, as president of the aid was general chairman; Mrs. C.G. Clippert, decorations; Mrs. Fred Alexander, tickets; Mrs. Oscar Schumann, publicity; Mrs. Louis Herbison, subscriptions and Mrs. Cassidy, lunch.

### 92 Years Ago

January 9, 1908

Postmaster Bates reports the heaviest business for the last quarter ever done in his office, reaching well toward \$1,500.

George McCullough has bought the Metivier barber shop but the latter will remain in charge of the chairs.

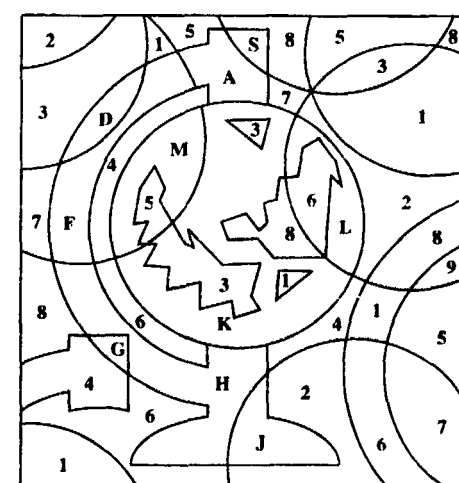
Word is received of the death of Mrs. Archie Babitt who was among the earliest settlers in this county.

By the new arrangement of the telephone switchboard in Roscommon, Beaver Creekers can talk even to Detroit. Herb Parker has installed a telephone and can be called in a hurry by 7 short.

The population in Lovells is increasing, daughters born to the George Gibsons and Frank Estey's and a 14 pound son to the Ben Boutells.

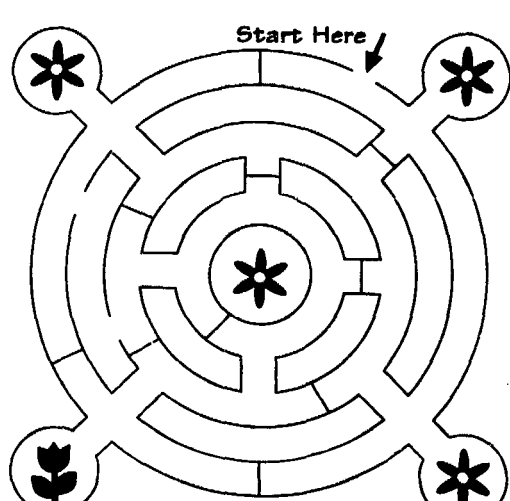


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## MAZE



## WEATHER

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Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
12/28	23	11	3"	9"
12/29	40	17	1.5"	9"
12/30	25	0		7"
12/31	33	24		5"
01/01	37	30		4"
01/02	45	17		2"
01/03	29	18	5"	6"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:  
Wednesday - mostly cloudy, afternoon snow with high in the upper 20's.  
Thursday - chance of snow, with a high of 30. Friday - chance of snow, with a low from 15 - to mid 20's and a high around 25 - 30. Saturday - chance of snow, with a low from 10 - 15 degrees and a high around 25 - 30.

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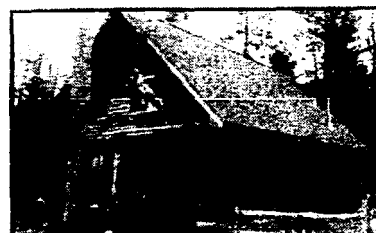
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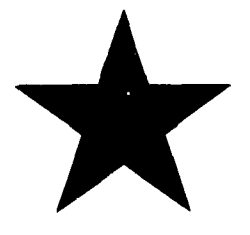
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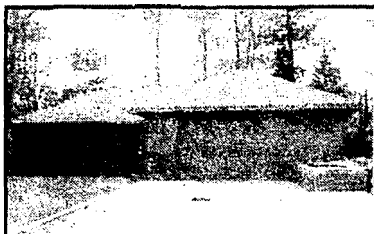
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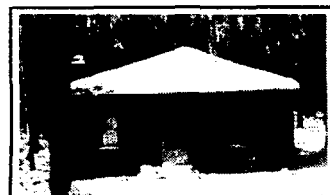
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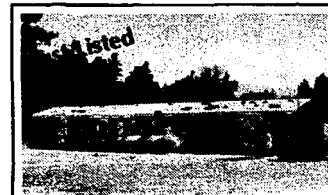
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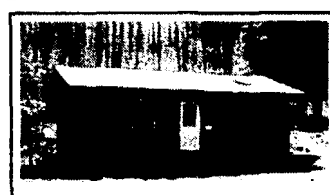
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COM312	Organizational Communications	Mon.
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Mon.
MTH136	Fundamentals of College Math	Mon.
ACC331	Taxation II	Tues.
CIS101*	Computer Info. Processing	Tues.
MGT441	Diversity in the Workplace	Tues.
SOC360	Work, Life and Soul	Tues.
COM122	College Writing II	Wed.
MGT331	Small Business Management	Wed.
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Wed.
MKT356	Marketing Communications	Wed.
COM212	Introduction to Speech	Thurs.
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Thurs.
MGT400	Leadership	Thurs.
ACC235*	Accounting Applications/Microcomputer (5wks)	Thurs.
ACC236*	Payroll Applications/Microcomputer (5wks-Begins Feb. 17)	Thurs.

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**LEGAL ACTION****SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP****Regular Meeting December 13, 1999**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held December 13 at 7 p.m. All board members were present. There were six guests present.

Motion and second to accept minutes to November 8 and November 15 meetings.

Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Jerry DeWitt was present to request street lighting at corner of West 4 Mile Road and Fox Run Drive. Motion by Mobarak to authorize DPW to contact Consumers Power and come to next meeting with recommendations. Seconded and carried.

Supervisor reported that he had attended a class on "Access Management" and that our new office building has been started with footings done.

Fourteen pieces of correspondence were accepted. Mobarak will fill out the request from the *Avalanche* for "Year in Review" information. Discussion regarding a letter from Gerrish Township Clerk, Norma Boyle. She is requesting that the three townships with Higgins Lake frontage request the HLAC to write a Protective Ordinance for the lake. Motion was made that we do so with the

stipulation that all three townships must agree with the Ordinance. Seconded and carried.

At 7:40 p.m. a hearing was held regarding the Nolan Road Special Assessment District. The purpose of the hearing was to hear objections to creating a special assessment district for the purpose of paving Nolan Road. Resolution was passed to set up the Special Assessment District and to proceed with a hearing on the assessment roll for the special assessment district during our regular February meeting, 2/14/00 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The regular meeting was resumed at 8:20 p.m.

**Old Business:**  
1. Motion by Mobarak to hire Deb Calkins as the cleaning person. Support by Riley. Ayes: 5, nays: 0, motion carried. Supervisor is to find backup person to help with cleaning when needed.

2. Discussion regarding zoning of property at W 7 Mile Road and Staley Lake Roads recently granted a Special Use Permit for gravel extraction and currently zoned RD-F. The original proposal given to the county to rezone some areas asked that this area be changed to LDR. The Planning Commission has suggested that this be changed to RD-E and withdraw request that it be changed to LDR. The Township Board agreed.

**New Business:**  
1. Board reviewed bylaws for planning commission.  
2. Discussion regarding life insurance and suggested that we look at it at budget time.  
3. Motion by Summers that we adopt a policy requested by the Treasurer as a time

frame for getting taxes ready earlier. Seconded and motion carried.

4. Supervisor is going to MTA conference in Lansing.

5. Riley and Summers are to look at street lighting and present policy at next board meeting.

6. Motion by Mobarak to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate for summer tax collection at the same rates as last year. Seconded and carried.

7. Consensus of board not to rebid township insurance policy for another year.

8. Motion by Summers to accept the holiday dates as presented for the next year. Seconded and carried.

9. Motion by Balmes to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

10. Motion by Balmes to transfer \$5000 to the Fire Department to be paid back from winter taxes. Seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Welser to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded on March 30, 1998, Crawford County Record, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand

Six Hundred Twenty Nine and Eleven Cents (\$40,629.11) including interest at 9.25% per annum until maturity and 11.25% after maturity.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue; at: the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan on January 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan are described as follows:

**PARCEL "C";** Part of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point located distant N 01 degrees 17' E, along the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet, and S 89 degrees 09' 37" E 998.31 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23, thence continuing S89 degrees 09' 37" E 332.78 feet, thence S01 degrees 28' 17" 329.96 feet, thence N 89 degrees 09' 11" W 332.50 feet, thence N01 degrees 25' 55" E 329.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Along with the right of and subject to a 66 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over that part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Centerline of said easement described as Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 23 distant North 01 degrees 17 minutes East along said West line 1649 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 09

minutes 37 seconds East, 1331.09 feet to the point of ending. Also a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over the South 66 feet of Lot 9 "Janice Manor" Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement. S89 degrees 03' E, 66 feet; thence S01 degrees 17' W, 155.80 feet; thence N89 degrees 09' 37" W 66 feet to the East line of said "Janice Manor," thence N01 degrees 17' E along said East subdivision line 155.80 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 1999  
OLD KENT BANK

For information, please call:  
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Daniel J. Bebbie (P51257)  
Bensinger, Cotant, Menkes & Aardema, P.C.  
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank  
P.O. Box 1000  
Gaylord, MI 49735

-30-6-13-20

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Christian Seales, single (original mortgagor) to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 1998, and recorded on February 27, 1998, in Liber 448 Page 73, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee. Assignee, by an assignment dated, which was recorded on December 9, 1999 in Liber 497, on Page 365, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 85/100 dollars (\$14,891.85) including interest at 11.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on February 2, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line, 1054.4 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 31 minutes West, 150.00 feet to a point South 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 110.0 feet from 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes East, 887.2 feet to a point on the bank of the AuSable River; thence North 48 degrees 12 minutes East along said bank, 180.0 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes East, 344.0 feet; thence South 62 degrees 57 minutes West, 91.3 feet; thence South 5 degrees 32 minutes West, 664.8 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1999  
**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**

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Attorneys and Counselors  
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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**NOTICE OF PATENT LAND**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND HAS BEEN DULY PATENTED:**

Comm. at Inter of N 1/4 Row of M-93 and E. Line of Sect 15; th N on E Line 200 Ft; th SW 1/4 197.8 ft; th SE 1/4 200 ft m/l to N 1/4 Row of M-93; th NE 1/4 on M-93 130 ft m/l to POB.

Anyone have a legal claim on the above described land must make this claim within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, or forever preclude you from making any claim upon m "Patented land."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE****Crawford County Transportation Authority Proposed State and Federal Section 5311 (Former Section 18) Application For Operating and Capital Assistance**

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2001, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 (former Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars (\$543,104) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$99,116) for Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and approximately Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for five replacement buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and other capital items.

The proposed application is stored on an electronic file at the CCTA administrative offices and may be reviewed during the month of February 2000. An appointment may be scheduled to review the application by telephoning 348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2000. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to:  
Crawford County Transportation Authority  
4279 West North Down River Road  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

**"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an EOE/AA Organization"**  
**"Proposals from Certified DBE/WBE Vendors are Requested"**

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**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling to receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

**CASE 2000-1NA:** Donald Wayne, petitioner  
P.O. Box 2585  
Monroe, MI 48161  
**Property Code:** 20-040-003-01-040-00  
**Location:** N. Down River Road, Section 3, T26N, R2W

A request for Class "A" Designation to allow a 400 square foot addition to an existing cabin.

**CASE 2000-1:** Marie C. Malloy, petitioner  
1509 S. AuSable Trail  
Grayling, MI 49738  
**Fred Fedak, Contract purchaser**

**Property Code:** 20-040-42-013-005-060-00  
**Location:** M-93 Hwy., Section 13, T26N, R4W

A request to rezone from Deferred Development (DD) to General Commercial (C-1) for the purpose of commercial development. (Apprx. 10 acres)

Case file, zoning maps and ordinances are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the requests may be directed to: Grayling Township P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

**POSITION OPENING CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY**

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Sandra Moore  
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12/16/1999

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#### 7. Miscellaneous

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#### 8. Announcements

**Answers**

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